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Intruder who asked for money nabbed

Farmington Hills police say a resident on Alycekey got quite a surprise around 12:25 p.m. Monday.

The resident, whose home in the 29000 block was not locked, said as she was going from one room in her house to another, a man entered her house uninvited.

She told the man to leave after he asked for money. Police responded to the area and found the man hiding behind bushes nearby. He fled, but was apprehended without incident after he was told to stop. The man had drugs in his possession.

Drunken driving

Police pulled over a vehicle along Windwood and Bradley around 1:12 a.m. Monday for speeding. The driver, an 18-

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year-old Farmington Hills man, had .07 blood/alcohol level. He was ticketed for violating the zero-tolerance law.

Police were dispatched to a possible drunken driver and pulled over a vehicle along Middlebelt and 12 Mile around 2:40 a.m. Sunday. The driver, a 29-year-old Farmington Hills man, had a .19 level.

Police pulled over a vehicle along Halsted and Grand River for weaving around 8:10 p.m. Monday. The driver, a 39-year-old Commerce Township man, had a .19 level.

Too much money

Police responded to the Bank One on 12 Mile and New

Market on Sunday, noticing the night deposit box was jammed with money bags. The bank manager came in to solve the problem.

Retail fraud

A 15-year-old Redford girl was apprehended at the Kohl's department store around 1:20 p.m. Sunday for attempting to leave the store by putting three shirts and a pair of jeans under her clothes.

At the Target store on Grand River, a 14-year-old Farmington Hills boy was apprehended for testing the tags off five CDs and also concealing a Hot Wheels car in his coat on Friday and attempting to leave without paying.

At the Home Depot on Northwestern Highway, a 38-year-old Pontiac man was

apprehended for switching the price tags on a \$747 paint sprayer to read \$59 on Saturday.

Drug possession

Police responded to a suspicious vehicle parked in the 37500 block of Wywood around 10 p.m. Sunday. One of the vehicle's passengers, a 20-year-old Detroit man, had marijuana and cocaine in his possession.

Police pulled over a vehicle along Grand River and Collingham around 2:45 a.m. Tuesday for not having tail lights. The driver, a 26-year-old Ferndale man, had cocaine and marijuana in his possession.

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Union pickets outside church construction site

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Union Plumbers Local 98 picketed peacefully outside a construction entrance of a new church being built off Eight Mile near Halsted in Farmington Hills this week.

Employees of Blue Dot working at the site agreed to union representation, and the company was ordered to comply in January 2002, said Mike McElroy, vice president representing Local 98.

So far, Blue Dot, which has bought up smaller construction firms in the area such as Bergstrom, Wiegler, Cast and Cherry, has not granted the contract request, said McElroy.

"They continue to sit at the table," he said. "They're still picking up (construction) jobs while negotiating with us."

A Blue Dot representative did not return phone calls.

Carlos Castiglione, business representative for Plumbers Local 98, said about 66 employees are represented in the union and Pipefitters Local 636, who were picketing this week.

He said it is important to keep tradespeople in training with the apprenticeship program the union provides and make sure employees are getting fair pay and benefits. "But they can't until they sign a contract



BILL BREGLER/STAFF PHOTO

Union Plumbers Local 98 brought picket signs to a church construction site on Eight Mile Road in Farmington Hills this week, protesting a construction company's delays in allowing employee-approved union representation.

with us," Castiglione said. He said the more than a dozen protesters were bringing about awareness to Blue Dot's actions to

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