

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police and fire calls received during the past week.

- TRIAL AWAITS**
A 28-year-old man who allegedly misrepresented himself as an agent of a snow removal company is scheduled for trial.
On Friday, District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington bound over for trial Alex George LaFountain Jr. on four counts of obtaining money under false pretenses over \$100 — punishable upon conviction by up to 10 years in prison or a \$5,000 fine.
He was being held in the Oakland County Jail on \$4,000 cash bond pending arraignment in Oakland County Circuit Court.
La Fountain allegedly misrepresented himself as an agent of the Arrow Tree Service to four homeowners in north Farmington Hills.
Police allege that La Fountain signed snow removal contracts and obtained money, but didn't fulfill the terms of contracts, said Farmington Hills Detective Jerry McKenzie.
La Fountain was arrested by Southfield Police Feb. 24 after a traffic stop uncovered the outstanding warrant signed Feb. 10 by District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington.
- MAN WITH GUN**
A 22-year-old Dearborn Heights man was arrested March 7 for allegedly carrying a concealed weapon.
Farmington Hills Police said they were called to the Secretary of State's office, 38487 10 Mile, on a report of a man with a gun in his waistband.
When police arrived, they found the man standing in line with a semi-automatic handgun in his waistband. The man is an alien without a green card, according to the police report.
- PURSE SNATCHED**
A Farmington Hills woman had her purse snatched from her arm while she was walking to her apartment March 7, police said.
According to the police report, a car followed a man and his wife into the Echo Valley Apartments at 7:45 p.m. When the couple parked, the other car drove by. As the man walked to the porch of his apartment, he heard his wife yell. When the man turned around, he saw a man who was running jump into the passenger-side of a car that left on 12 Mile. The suspect had grabbed the woman's purse and ripped it from her shoulder as she walked. The purse contained \$20 and personal belongings.
- TEENS TICKETED**
Three teenagers were ticketed for being minors allegedly in possession of alcohol after a routine traffic stop on Power near 10 Mile turned up alcohol in a car at 10:40 p.m. March 7, Farmington Hills Police said.
Two of the teens were 17 — one from Southfield and one from Farmington Hills. The other was an 18-year-old from Southfield.
The 17-year-old from Farmington Hills also was ticketed for violating the controlled substance act. He allegedly was in possession of three baggies of suspected marijuana.
- SUSPECTED MARIJUANA**
A 21-year-old from Walled Lake and

a 20-year-old from Novi were ticketed for allegedly violating the controlled substance act after a Farmington Hills officer came upon their car in a lot along Industrial Park at 2:10 a.m. March 8, according to a police report.

2 TICKETED
A 20-year-old Novi man was ticketed for alleged possession of narcotics paraphernalia after he was stopped for a loud exhaust on Tulane at Shilohwasse at 12:10 a.m. March 10. Police confiscated a suspected roach clip and roach pipe and five suspected marijuana roaches. A passenger, a 22-year-old Oak Park man, was arrested on an outstanding Detroit traffic warrant. He was released after he posted \$150 bond.

TIRES SLIT
The sidewalls on tires of three cars parked along Purdue were slit March 7-8. Damage was estimated at \$360, according to the Farmington Hills Police report.

MAILBOXES DAMAGE
Four mailboxes were blown up with cherry bomb-like devices March 8. The mailboxes were along Muirland, Lorikay, Fox Grove and Clubhouse, according to Farmington Hills Police.
Five mailboxes along Parklane were driven over March 8-9. Damage was estimated at \$240. In addition, a car on Parklane was pushed 10 feet from its original parked location. And the driver's and a rear passenger door on another car were damaged by a car bumper, according to Farmington Hills Police.

MALL VANDALIZED
Two glass lampshades on nightlights were damaged at Orchard Place Mall, 30905 Orchard Lake, March 7-8. Damage was estimated at \$90, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

THEFTS REPORTED
Several thefts were reported to local police agencies. Some of them follow:
About \$100 was reported stolen from a cigarette vending machine at the Holiday Inn, 38123 10 Mile, March 6. Several other thefts have been reported in recent weeks. Whereas the machine's door was previously pried, it was opened with a key in the latest incident.

A 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass valued at \$13,000 was reported stolen from Snap-On Tools, 23460 Industrial, March 7. The car was recovered — damaged and striped — in Detroit March 8.
A 1986 Pontiac Trans-Am valued at \$18,000 was reported stolen from Digger's Restaurant, 30555 Grand River.

A snowblower valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a house on Livings-ton Circle March 3-6.
A radar detector valued at \$200 was reported stolen from the Retail Computer Center, 29316 Orchard Lake, March 8.
A VCR, a camera, a radio and cash valued at \$1,700 were reported stolen from a house on Hathaway March 8-9.

A VCR, a telephone, a sweater, coins and jewelry valued at \$5,800 were reported stolen from a house on Wellington March 8-9.
A stereo valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a car parked at the Independence Green Apartments March 8-9.

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