

police/fire calls

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

REWARD GROWS
The reward has grown to \$3,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of whoever torched the Elias Brothers restaurant at 23401 Halsted, just north of Grand River, Feb. 17. The Michigan Arson Committee posted up to \$2,000. Home Insurance Co. pitched in up to \$1,000 more.
Tips may be given anonymously by calling the Michigan Arson Committee's arson control reward program hotline collect at 1-517-322-0469 or by calling Farmington Hills Police Detective Darhol Krause at 474-6181 Ext. 315.

Police and fire investigators are seeking information about activity in the area from midnight to 2 a.m. Feb. 17. "We're busy. We've gotten tips and we're following up any and all. You never know if they'll be good or not," Krause said.
Police said they found fresh footprints and tire tracks in the snow behind the restaurant shortly after the 2 a.m. blaze.
Lack of any ignition source in the dining area — where the damage was heaviest — was a chief factor in ruling the fire arson. Fire damage was minimal in the kitchen area. Investigation revealed signs of an accelerant in that area, Krause said.
The fire was reported by a passerby shortly after 2 a.m. When firefighters arrived three minutes later, the dining area was in flames. Within 10 minutes, the roof collapsed. It took 90 minutes to bring the fire under control. The fire probably started about 10 minutes before it was reported, Lt. Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department said.

ABDUCTION ATTEMPT
A 6-year-old Farmington girl told Department of Public Safety officers a man in a light-blue, older-model car with rust around the rear wheels tried to abduct her Saturday afternoon.
The girl told officers she was on the porch of a friend's house when a man drove up about 1:40 p.m., opened the passenger front door of his car and asked her if she was lost. She said no and ran to the back of the house. When her friend and her friend's mother returned home, the girl went to her house and told her parents what had happened.
The man was described as 35 to 40 years of age with brown hair. He was wearing a striped shirt.

ASSAULT ALLEGED
A fight between two groups of young people, ages 17-20, resulted in the arrest of two 19-year-old Oakland County men Friday night, Farmington Hills Police said.
A West Bloomfield man was charged with five counts of felonious assault and one count of malicious destruction of property over \$100. A Bloomfield Township man was charged with two counts of felonious assault and one count of malicious destruction of property. Conviction could bring a penalty of up to four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine on each count.
Arraigned Saturday before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, the men stood mute. They were released on personal bond pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

The fight apparently began at the Ram's Horn on Orchard Lake Road about 11:30 p.m. It included an alleged death threat from a member of one of the groups toward a member of the other group, according to the police report.
When police arrived, they ordered the crowd to disperse and the groups to stay away from each other the rest of the night, Detective David Loe said.
Soon after, the fight resumed at the Orchard Place shopping center, also on Orchard Lake Road. One group had re-gathered there, apparently unarmed, and allegedly was attacked by the

other group, armed with bats, bottles, rocks, chains and tire irons. The toll included several injuries and damage to several vehicles, Loe said.

One 15-year-old in the unarmed group was treated at Providence Hospital, Southfield, after first being punched and kicked, then suffering facial cuts when an automobile anti-theft bar was hurled through the window of a car he had entered, according to the police report.
Police were unsure what provoked the fight, Loe said.

MAILBOXES ATTACKED
Three 16-year-olds from Farmington Hills allegedly used four-inch-long homemade explosives to blow up three mailboxes in the Dewberry-Yorkridge area March 14.

Farmington Hills officers plan to file Oakland County Probate Court Juvenile Division petitions charging the youths with possession of explosives and malicious destruction of property, Sgt. Charles Nebus said.

Members of the police department's undercover SPOT (Special Patrol Operations Team) unit arrested the youths soon after the mailboxes exploded, Nebus said.
Four mailboxes were blown up in similar fashion in the 13 Mile-Farmington Road area the weekend before. Officers are investigating to determine if the attacks the previous weekend were connected to this past weekend's, Nebus added.

INDECENT EXPOSURE
A man in his late 20s flashed a 19-year-old woman studying at a desk in the Farmington Community Library, 32730 12 Mile, March 15. After she ran to the front desk, he walked out of the library and left in a car, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

LARCENY ALLEGED
A man used a \$20 bill to pay for a 60-cent piece of pizza March 15 at Buscemi's, 28948 Orchard Lake, then decided to pay for it with a \$1 bill. He left after receiving change for both bills, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

A clerk told police that after he handed over change for the \$20 bill, the man decided to use a \$1 bill as payment. About the same time the man walked in, two teenagers got the clerk's attention by asking for a job application. The teens broke off conversation as soon as the man left, causing the clerk to believe they were involved in the larceny by trick. The man left with \$20.37 in change, according to the police report.

DRUGS DISCOVERED
Three tabs of suspected blotter acid, five suspected marijuana cigarettes and a suspected hashish pipe were found on an impounded because it lacked a registration March 14, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

Officers will file an Oakland County Probate Court Juvenile Division petition charging a 16-year-old Farmington Hills resident with violating the controlled substance act. The teen was leaving the lot of Farmington High School, 32000 Shawassee, when he was stopped for not wearing a helmet, according to the public safety report.

LIGHTS DAMAGED
Eighteen glass lights outside the Bonanza restaurant, 38350 10 Mile, were shot out with a BB gun March 14-15. Damage was estimated at \$200, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

A key was used to mar the paint finish on 14 cars parked at Bob Saks Chevrolet, 35300 Grand River, March 7-14. Damage was estimated at \$100 per car, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Reappointments approved

Farmington Hills City Council reappointed five people to three city boards Monday night.
Margaret Downs was reappointed to a four-year term on the Board of Canvassers.
Aldo Vagnozzi was reappointed to a four-year term, on the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees.
Warner Siebert, Lawrence Rospierski and Richard Walls were reappointed to two-year terms on the Residential Review Board.



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