

police/fire calls



Farmington Hills firefighter Paul Cuase surveys fire damage to the art storage room.

Fire toll assessed

Farmington Hills fire officials said a fire in an art storage room at Beechview Elementary School May 23 caused about \$5,000 worth of property loss and damage.

"Our estimate takes in everything that is required to get the building back into its original condition," Fire Lt. Peter Baldwin said.

The 400 youngsters evacuated about 10:30 a.m. returned to their classrooms by 2:30 p.m., following a picnic lunch and other activities on the school playground.

The fire was extinguished within 10 minutes. But firefighters spent several hours setting up large fans to remove smoke from the hallways and classrooms, Fire Chief Richard Marinucci said.

"We can't determine what caused the ignition," Baldwin said.

He said there is some suspicion that the fire may have been set because there were no electrical appliances or outlets nearby.

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

● TEMPLE DAMAGED

Christian-type crosses were spray-painted on the Birmingham Temple, 2861 12 Mile, May 20-21. Damage was estimated at \$1,500, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

On the temple's north side, red crosses were painted on the windows, brick and wooden doors. On the east side, black crosses were painted on the brick, windows and door wall screen.

● ARMED ROBBERY

The manager of India Foods and Boutique, 2908 Eight Mile, was robbed of \$850 at knifepoint by an unidentified man about 2:30 p.m. May 22, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The man entered the store about 2:15 p.m., shopped and waited for another customer to leave. He then moved behind the counter and put his hand over the manager's mouth and held a knife to his neck. The man left with the manager's wallet and money from the store, according to the police report.

● MONEY MISSING

About \$120 in cash contained in a credit union pouch was discovered missing from beneath the driver's seat of a car after the car passed through Jax Car Wash, 31500 Grand River, May 22. It's not certain exactly when or where the money was taken, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

● FIRE STOPPED

A small leak around one of the fittings of a propane gas tank apparently caused a fire in a barbecue on the porch of a home on Newport May 20, said Lt. Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

A barbecue house melted in the fire, which was extinguished by turning off the propane tank, Baldwin said.

● MAN CHARGED

A 35-year-old Detroit man faces high misdemeanor charges after allegedly tried to obtain two controlled substances with a forged prescription May 21 at Perry Drugs, 30830 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills police said.

Arraigned May 22 before District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington, the man stood mute to one count of attempt to obtain a controlled substance by fraud and possession of a forged prescription. Conviction could bring a maximum penalty of up to two years in jail on the first count and up to 90 days in jail on the second count. Bond was set at \$2,000 pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

Police arrested the man outside the drugstore after the pharmacist confirmed the prescription had been forged, Sgt. Dennis Rochford said.

● DAMAGE REPORTED

Two cars parked in a driveway on Mayfair were sprayed with white paint May 24-25, causing about \$800 in damage, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Pellets or BBs were shot at the windshield of a car parked on Mayfair May 23-26, causing about \$200 in damage, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

● SCHOOL BROKEN INTO

Several first-floor lockers were ransacked, but it was not immediately known what was taken during a break-in at North Farmington High School, 32900 13 Mile, May 25. Entry was gained through a school door, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● THEFTS REPORTED

Listed below are some of the thefts reported to local police agencies during the past week:

Three power drills valued at \$220 were reported stolen from a storage area at Independence Green Apartments May 11-25.

A 10-speed bicycle valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a carport at Mulwood Apartments May 12-13.

A telephone answering machine valued at \$70 was reported stolen from Versatex Corp. 30833 Northwestern, May 15-20.

A bicycle valued at \$93 was reported stolen from a fenced storage area of an apartment complex on Grand River May 19-21.

Jewelry valued at \$3,200 was reported stolen from a house on Hamilton May 20.

A briefcase with drafting instruments and a radar detector valued at \$445 were reported stolen from a house on Lancaster May 20-21.

Hills man was murder victim

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

Chief Lionel Roberts.

A case of assault and battery outside the Double O Pub in Redford early Friday morning turned into murder on Memorial Day when doctors turned off the respirator of a Farmington Hills man they determined was brain dead.

The man, Gregory Allen Link, 30, was assaulted by two white males about 2 a.m. on the way to his car in the bar's parking lot near Brady and Grand River. He was first taken by ambulance to Redford Community Hospital and then to Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

"We've got some leads right now," said Redford police Sgt. John Bonmarito Tuesday afternoon. "We're trying to narrow it down. We've got a lot of descriptions to deal with. We should know more in a couple of days."

It was the first murder in Redford this year, according to Deputy

Link left the bar with a 36-year-old Livonia woman. Two men who had been talking to the woman in the bar earlier approached them and, without saying a word, began punching Link in the stomach and face.

The woman, according to reports, ran back to the bar and called police. When she returned to the scene, Link was lying unconscious, face up, on the sidewalk, and the two men were gone.

The woman wasn't able to provide a description at the time, but she and others in the bar have since provided descriptions and leads, according to Bonmarito.

Sunday afternoon, a Botsford official called Redford police and told them that tests showed Link was brain dead and that if further tests Monday showed the same result, he would be taken off a respirator.

A radar detector valued at \$130 was reported stolen from a car parked at the Quality Inn, 31525 12 Mile, May 20-21.

A 1985 Pontiac Grand-Am and a 1988 Pontiac Fiero, each valued at \$10,000, were reported stolen from the Farmington Square Condos, May 20-21.

A trailer valued at \$1,200 was reported stolen from the Quality Inn, 31525 12 Mile, May 20-21.

A radar detector and gym equipment valued at \$440 were reported stolen from a car parked at Inverrary Condos, May 22-23.

Two 10-speed bicycles valued at \$460 were reported stolen from a carport at Fairmont Apartments May 22-24.

Two car phones of unknown value were reported stolen from a car parked at Green Hill Apartments May 23.

A 1984 Oldsmobile valued at \$19,500 was reported stolen from a driveway on Witherspoon May 23.

Cash was reported stolen from Jack Roberts Pools, 32750 Northwestern, May 24.

A cable TV selection box of unknown value was reported stolen from a house on Randlemeadow May 23.

A radar detector and computer equipment valued at \$524 were reported stolen from a car parked in a driveway on Parklane May 23-24.

Cash was reported stolen from Steak 'n' Ale, 25720 Orchard Lake, May 23-24.

A color TV, postage stamps and coins valued at \$483 were reported stolen from offices at Mulwood Apartments May 24.

Two bucket seats valued at \$300 were reported stolen from a 1986 Lynx parked in a storage lot at Bob Dussseau Mercury, 31625 Grand River, May 24.

A radio valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a car parked at Chatham Hill Apartments May 24.

A radar detector valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a car parked at Mulwood Apartments May 24-25.

A VCR valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a house on Power May 25-26.

A tote bag valued at \$200, a gym bag valued at \$200, a cassette case valued at \$200, a tennis racket valued at \$25 and a racquetball racket valued at \$50 were reported stolen from a car parked at Mulwood Apartments May 26.

A stereo cassette player valued at \$209 was reported stolen from a car parked on Sudbury May 26.

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