

police/fire calls

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

2 ARRESTED

Two men suspected of robbing an American Speedy Printing Center in Farmington were arrested following a similar incident in Livonia early Tuesday Jan. 6, according to a Farmington Department of Safety report.

After hearing about the Livonia break-in, Farmington public safety officers set up surveillance in the area of the Farmington print shop on Grand River, where a previous break-in occurred.

They spotted the suspect van, occupied by a 24-year-old Livonia man and a 34-year-old Detroit man, at Grand River and Power. They followed the van to Farmington Road and Nine Mile, where the van was stopped and the occupants arrested.

Inside the van, officers said they found blank checks from the Livonia print shop and postage stamps.

TRICK LARCENY

A woman was arrested Jan. 8 after obtaining a cash refund from T.J. Maxx in Farmington for an item she did not purchase, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

The woman took a fur coat from the store rack, and went to the store's refund counter where she got a \$103.99 cash refund, according to the report.

MAN ARRESTED

A Detroit man with an outstanding felony warrant for an alleged commercial break-in was arrested by Farmington public safety officers Jan. 7 when he refused to get off a SEMTA bus, officers said.

According to the public safety report, the man, reportedly intoxicated, was picked up in downtown Detroit and rode the westbound bus to Oakland and Grand River in Farmington, where the driver asked him to get off.

Officers discovered the man had an outstanding felony warrant dated Feb. 4, 1986 for the alleged break-in of a Detroit business. The man was turned over to Detroit police.

HOUSE FIRE

Damage was estimated at \$1,500 in a fire in a garage wall at a house on Greening Jan. 7.

The fire appeared to have started when heat from a sauna heater ignited natural gas, which had come from a broken gas line passing through the wall, according to a Farmington Hills Fire Department report.

CAR RECOVERED

A 1987 Pontiac Firebird reported stolen from Novi was recovered on Whitlock near Salvador in Farmington Hills Jan. 7.

The car was valued at \$15,000, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

A resident at Green Hill Apartments reported an indecent exposure Jan. 7. A man was seen exposing himself outside an apartment window, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

THEFTS REPORTED

A generator valued at \$800 was reported stolen from a garage on Belcrest between Dec. 16 and Jan. 5.

A scanner valued at \$350 was reported stolen from Farmington Hills Fire Headquarters, 28711 Drake, between Dec. 29 and Jan. 6.

A VCR and other items valued at \$720 were reported stolen from a house on Rockshire between Dec. 30 and Jan. 3.

A state truck valued at \$12,000 was reported stolen from Nash Pneumatics Inc., 23910 Freeway Park Drive, between Dec. 31 and Jan. 3.

A radio, a speaker and an antenna valued at \$410 were reported stolen from a pickup truck parked in a driveway on Westfarm Jan. 1-3. Camera equipment valued at \$510 was reported stolen from a car parked in a driveway on Britany Jan. 2.

Paneling valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from a construction site on Dorchester Jan. 2-3.

Construction equipment valued at \$1,300 was reported stolen from a construction trailer parked on Canterbury Court Jan. 2-3.

A radar detector valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a car parked in a driveway on Kirkside Jan. 2-3.

Cash and a box of old baseball cards valued at \$175 were reported stolen from a car parked in a driveway on Raphael Jan. 2-3.

A radar detector valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a car

Police seek leads in shooting

Farmington Hills police are looking for a break into who shot Steak and Ale Restaurant co-manager Jeffrey Pechauer Jan. 4.

The 24-year-old Canton Township resident was reported in stable condition Friday, said Russ Tuttle, community relations director at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

He was shot in the upper right chest at point-blank range in an aborted robbery attempt after closing. The bullet exited below the right chest, police said.

parked in a driveway on Applewood Jan. 2-3.

The front bucket seats were reported stolen from a 1987 Ford Escort at Tom Holzer Ford, 39300 10 Mile, Jan. 2-5.

Radios valued at more than \$2,000 were reported stolen from two Porsches at Bill Cook Porsche, 37901 Grand River, Jan. 2-5.

A radar detector valued at \$320 was reported stolen from a car parked on Oak Point Jan. 3.

An air compressor valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a fenced sewage lift station on Skye Jan. 3.

A 1985 Cadillac valued at \$10,000 was reported stolen from the Old Orchard Theatre, 28123 Orchard Lake, Jan. 3.

A mobile telephone valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a car parked at the Old Orchard Theatre, 28123 Orchard Lake, Jan. 3.

A 1982 Oldsmobile Cutlass was reported stolen from Strawberry Lane Apartments Jan. 3. It was recovered in Southfield.

A radar detector valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a car parked in a driveway on Westcott Crescent Jan. 3-4.

Three chainaws valued at \$900 were reported stolen from a garage on Jefferson Jan. 3-4.

Cash totaling \$112 was reported stolen from a house on Middlebelt Jan. 3-5.

Clothing and other items valued at \$1,250 were reported stolen from a car parked at Buddy's Pizzeria, 31646 Northwestern, Jan. 4.

A generator valued at \$700 was reported stolen from Farmington Cycle World, 34600 Eight Mile, Jan. 4.

"We're still talking to people who were in the area of the restaurant at the time of the shooting," said Sgt. Dennis Rochford of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

"We're looking for someone who knows something about the shooting to come forward. We're hoping somebody might have seen something suspicious."

The shooting occurred at 10:20 p.m. Sunday in the darkened lobby of the Steak and Ale, 27590 Orchard Lake Road. Alone at the time,

Pechauer was making a final check before leaving for the night. It was the first shooting since the restaurant opened 10 years ago.

Police aren't certain what the gunman did after taking the co-manager's keys, which were recovered near an unlocked cash drawer in a restaurant office. No money was taken.

Pechauer got up, meanwhile, and ran out the bar door to a nearby Mobil Gas station, where the attendant called police.

A 1985 Chevrolet Camaro valued at \$14,000 was reported stolen from the parking lot at Max & Erma's, 31205 Orchard Lake, Jan. 6.

A 1984 Chevrolet Camaro valued at \$10,000 was reported stolen from along Whitlock Jan. 6-7.

A briefcase valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a room at the Envooy Inn, 38300 Grand River, Jan. 6-8.

A 1981 Ford Econoline of undetermined value was reported stolen from along Rensselaer Jan. 7.

A radar detector, a citizens band

radio and a 6-inch color TV valued at \$515 were reported stolen from a car parked at Town Square Pub, 27406 Eight Mile, Jan. 7-8.

A snowmobile valued at \$4,000 was reported stolen from a back yard on Hancock Jan. 7-8.

A color TV and a microwave oven valued at \$760 were reported stolen from a house on Forest Court Jan. 8.

Cellular telephones valued at \$1,800-\$2,000 were reported stolen from two cars parked at the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills, 38123 10 Mile, Jan. 8.

A garage door opener and a car battery were reported stolen from a car parked in a driveway on Springbrook Jan. 8.

The gunman was described only as black, age 30-35, 5-10 in height and wearing a dark jacket.

As with any Oakland County felony, a \$1,000 reward will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the gunman through the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce's Silent Observer Reward Program. Call tips to Farmington Hills police at 474-6181. Say you would like to be part of the program. Tipsters can remain anonymous.

obituaries

W. TIFFIN DOWNS

Mr. Downs, 78, of Franklin died Dec. 27 in Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Born in Missouri, Mr. Downs was a self-employed engineer/inventor. He was a 1932 graduate of the University of Detroit.

Survivors include his wife, Irene; sons, William and Michael; daughters, Gabrielle and Rosemary Hatcher; stepchildren, Danielle Steakley and Aloysius Tarnowski; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 30 at the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Howell.

SHIRLEY E. GEHRING

Mrs. Gehring, 26, of Redford Township died Jan. 2.

Born in Tampa, Fla., Mrs. Gehring was a student at Oakland Community College working on an associate degree. She was a Harrison High School graduate.

Survivors include her daughter, Sarah; father, James Godfrey; mother, Margaret Baker; sisters, Nancy Tuyen, Deborah Barret and Kathy Godfrey.

Services were Jan. 5 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. John Qiu and the Rev. Dennis McKee of the Chinese Community Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

MOONA M. YE

Mrs. Ye, 93, of Highland Township, died Jan. 2.

Born in Macao, China, Mrs. Ye was a homemaker. She was a member of the Chinese Community Church, Southfield.

Survivors include her daughter, Florence Fatt; 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were Jan. 6 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. John Qiu and the Rev. Dennis McKee of the Chinese Community Church officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Cemetery, Flat Rock.

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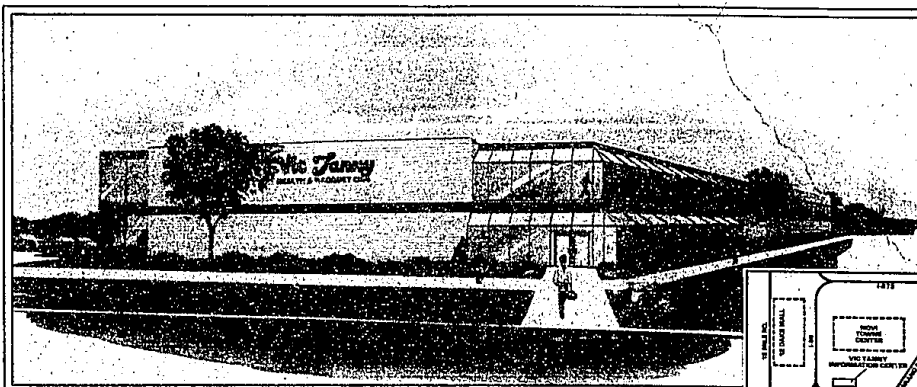
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