

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

DRUG CHARGES
A 27-year-old Farmington man was arrested on drug charges and held on three misdemeanor warrants after the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team obtained search warrants and discovered money and drugs in his house on Laurelwood.

The man was arrested Friday afternoon and held on the misdemeanor warrants. He was freed after posting \$480 bond.
Felony warrants on the drug charges are expected to be issued next week, according to Farmington deputy director of public safety Gary Goss.
Goss said surveillance had been done on the neighborhood house for some time; NET got involved recently by infiltrating and making several

drug buys. Found at the scene were \$2,600 in cash and a small amount of marijuana.
WOMAN ACCOSTED
A Farmington Hills woman on a bicycle told officers an intoxicated man tried to lure her into his car to drink beer as she rode into a parking lot on the southwest corner of 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Road at 11 p.m. Sunday.
The man, thought to be in his 30s,

then got out of the car and made sexual advances toward the woman, who is in her 20s. She managed to pull away and ride home, according to a Farmington Hills police report.
HOST LIABILITY
An 18-year-old was ticketed under Farmington Hills' host liability ordinance when officers responding to a loud party complaint found minors drinking at a house part on Connaught early Tuesday, police said.
The ordinance allows police to

ticket adult house party hosts who know minors are drinking but who fail to take reasonable steps to try to stop it.
FREEWAY VANDAL
A man standing in the road tossed a tire tread through the windshield of a car eastbound on M-102 near Drake Friday afternoon.
The driver, a 31-year-old Warren woman, wasn't hurt in the 4 p.m. incident.
Two other cars that also had slowed to avoid hitting the man were hit as well. The man yelled at every driver who slowed. He finally got into a car and drove away, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

GUN CHARGE
A resident of Chatham Hills Apartments in Farmington was arrested July 9 after brandishing a handgun and pointing it at a neighbor apartment door.
The 47-year-old man pleaded not guilty before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington's 47th District Court to felonious assault and concealed weapons charges. He was released after posting 10 percent of his \$5,000 bond.
According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, Officers Robert Schulz and Maria Putt and Commander Michael Wiggins arrived at the apartment complex at about 10 p.m., where they saw a man with a .32 caliber handgun, which he was pointing at a neighboring door. Upon confronting the man, he dropped the gun and fell to his knees. The gun was loaded with one round in the chamber.
Neighbors called police after looking into the hallway and seeing the man with the gun.

Trooper credited with heroics

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

Novi police Chief Leo BeGole said the Michigan State Police trooper Judy Anderson for her role in the rescue of an East Lansing man dangling by his arms from an I-75 overpass July 5 in Farmington Hills.
"She really took charge of the situation. She did a terrific job. They should give her a lifesaving medal. If they want a witness, they've got

me," said BeGole, who suffered a head cut and arm scrapes in the dramatic afternoon rescue.
Police described the 35-year-old East Lansing man as "highly intoxicated and very depressed." They said he shouted "I want to die! Let me go! Let me jump!" as he contemplated letting go of the ledge.
Anderson, 36, a trooper for 3 1/2 years and in Northville for 1 1/2 years, called the incident "very exciting" and said it "got my adrenalin pumping."

Although it marked her first lifesaving rescue, she said she does "things every day where I wonder if I saved somebody's life."
Police officers and bystanders pulled the man to safety from the Grand River overpass above I-275 as rush-hour traffic sped by below.
POLICE AREN'T sure how the man wandered onto the overpass. "No car was seen," Anderson said. The man was admitted to Westland Medical Center for a 48-hour observation period and a psychiatric evaluation. His only injuries in the apparent suicide try were scrapes, police said.
Police believe the man, released

from a Westland detoxification center a few days before the incident, intended to let go of the ledge.
Anderson, BeGole and an unidentified bystander clung to the man for approximately five minutes before they could pull him beneath the north guardrail to the top of the overpass at approximately 3:15 p.m. July 5.
Other police officers and bystanders assisted by pulling on Anderson BeGole and the other rescuer.
"After several attempts to pull him up, he helped us," Anderson said. "We lifted him up and he lifted his foot on the ledge, giving us momentum to pull him up."

Removing ventilator may set precedent

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Injuries of all types that life is not worth living," said Carol Mushett, chief of therapeutic recreation at Sinai Hospital in Detroit.
Sophisticated equipment can make quadriplegics' lives more fulfilling, said Gayle Mefford, an occupational therapist at the Physically Impaired Association of Michigan. Computer technology allows even those who can move only an eyelid or eyebrow to communicate, Mefford said.

body. Tomorrow is like today, and so in 20 years from now."
MUSHETT SAID there are many support groups that could help Rivlin.
"Intervention can be helpful," she said. "I never assume it's too late. He needs to say, 'Yes, I have physical limitations, but I can contribute and life is worth living.'"
Bryan DeMott left paralyzed after being shot three years ago, said despite his limitations, he would not consider ending his life.

Rivlin's attorney, David Rosin of Detroit, said his client has no immediate family and nothing to look forward to at the nursing home. His closest relative is an aunt, Marion Gornbein-Mellon of Florida, now at his side.
"He is in prison with no escape," Rosin said. "All he has to do is lay there in bed. To get a drink of water he has to call for help. There's nothing for him to talk about with any-

"Who knows? They may have a medical breakthrough," said DeMott. "I guess (Rivlin) decided there will be no breakthrough. As for my situation, I can't say I'm fully happy, but I do have something to look forward to."
"I'm in a home environment, which helps. The environment is so different, and that alone may be part of the reason he decided to take his life."

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