

police/fire calls

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

ARMED ROBBERY

A man thought to be in his 30s took \$700 at gunpoint from a Farmington Hills gas station Sunday night, police said.

Just before 8 p.m., an employee at the Shell station at Northwestern Highway and Middlebelt was approached by a man, who brandished a black, Luger-style handgun. He told the employee to open the cash drawer, then removed the money, according to Farmington Hills police.

HIGHWAY SHOOTING

A pellet shattered but didn't penetrate the windshield of a car southbound on Orchard Lake Road, north

of 13 Mile, at 7:10 p.m. Monday in Farmington Hills.

The 22-year-old Southfield man driving the car saw no one in the area after the shooting. He was not hurt. The pellet struck two inches from the top of the windshield, according to Farmington Hills police.

PELLET DAMAGE

Larkshire Elementary and four vehicles parked in the south lot were damaged by pellets between 7:30-7:45 p.m. Monday.

Two rear door windows and two outbuilding classroom windows were damaged at the school, 23300 Tuck. Also damaged were windows in two cars and two vans.

Total damage was estimated at more than \$2,050, according to Farmington Hills police.

TRAFFIC ASSAULT

A man was hurt and his vehicle

damaged after an argument on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills Sunday night, police said.

Shortly after 8 p.m., a motorist was at Northwestern Highway and Orchard Lake Road when a man yelled to him.

A second man followed the victim at a high rate of speed east on Northwestern Highway, finally striking his car.

When the victim stopped to check damage to his car, the other man attacked him, first with fists. The attacker then threw a rock through the victim's car window, according to Farmington Hills police.

GAS STATION THEFT

Two Farmington Hills men saw a man loading into his car a box of items believed taken from the Union 76, 25510 Orchard Lake Road, at 11 p.m. Oct. 4.

It appeared the station's rear door

had been forced open. When the witnesses called to the man, he quickly got into his car and left without turning on the car's headlights.

Damage to the rear door was estimated at \$100.

CONCEALED GUN

A 35-year-old Livonia man faces a charge of carrying a concealed weapon after a loaded 9mm handgun was found under the driver's seat of his car during a traffic stop at Farmington Road and Eight Mile early Tuesday.

The man had an expired permit to

carry the gun, according to Farmington Hills police.

THEFTS REPORTED

Flashlights, batteries, an answering machine, speakers and a telephone were reported stolen from the Farmington Jaycees Haunted House, 31290 Freedom, Farmington Hills, Sept. 25-27.

A computer printer valued at \$2,000 was reported stolen from Hermanoff & Associates, 31500 13 Mile, Farmington Hills, Oct. 4-5.

Cash totaling \$130 was reported stolen from the Bonaventure Skating Rink, 24505 Halsted, Farmington

Hills, Oct. 6.

A car phone, purses, a wallet and cash valued at \$2,480 were reported stolen from a house on Saxony, in Farmington, during an Oct. 6 break-in.

TWO ARRESTED

Two Farmington Hills men, one 17 and the other 21, face concealed weapon and drug charges after a traffic stop in Farmington Oct. 6.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, the two were in a vehicle westbound on Grand River, near Power.

Fire results in evacuation of Dimitri's

An accidental kitchen fire prompted the orderly evacuation of diners and employees at Dimitri's restaurant in downtown Farmington during lunchtime on Wednesday.

The restaurant, at 33200 Grand River, was filled at the time the fire was reported about 1:25 p.m.

A buildup of heat radiating from the hooded vent over the oven ignited high-pressure soda lines running through the adjacent wall, said Commander Thomas Cox of the Farmington Department of Public Safety.

Flames were confined to the base of the wall. The roof directly above

sustained some charring. Firefighters ventilated the kitchen to remove the smoke.

Fire was knocked down within five minutes, and firefighters cleared after about one hour, Cox said.

Man charged in ram attempt

A 36-year-old Romulus man faces three counts of felonious assault in connection with a highway incident in which a motorist tried to ram two other cars containing three people Monday in Farmington Hills.

At an arraignment Tuesday in 47th District Court in Farmington, Judge Fred Harris entered an innocent plea on behalf of Frederick William Lake Jr.

Harris set bond at \$10,000 pending a preliminary exam on the charges. Conviction of felonious assault carries up to four years in prison.

According to Farmington Hills detective Jerry McKenzie, a motorist apparently became agitated and tried to ram two other cars on eastbound M-102, near Grand River about 4:40 p.m. Monday.

The motorist wound up losing control of his car. The car left the road

and slipped onto its roof in a ditch on the north side. The motorist got out and ran.

When police arrived, they found a man hiding in a ditch on the south side of the road. They chased him to westbound Grand River and Tuck, where they arrested him.

He apparently sustained minor injuries in the crash. Police do not believe he had been wearing his seat belt.

Car crash kills city couple

Stormy weather Tuesday morning may have contributed to a traffic accident on Plymouth road that killed a Farmington couple.

Helene DiTrapani, 59, was pronounced dead after being taken to St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Her husband, Frank, 66, died at 1:11 p.m. Tuesday of multiple internal injuries, said a hospital spokesman.

POLICE REPORT the two were travelling westbound on Plymouth Road at 7:29 a.m. and attempted a

left turn onto Jughandle Road in their 1989 Ford Tempo.

The DiTrapani's Tempo was hit broadside by a 1978 Plymouth driven by a 30-year-old Farmington man travelling eastbound on Plymouth Road, according to Livonia police.

Police wouldn't release the driver's name pending an investigation. He was treated at St. Mary and released, said police.

According to fire department records, Helene was the passenger. She was wearing her seatbelt.

POLICE SAID tests were conducted on the road to test how slippery the surface was.

The accident occurred in a heavy rain, said police. It was shortly after sunrise and very dark at the time.

The fatalities were the fourth and fifth in Livonia this year.

Jughandle Road is a new connector road between Edward Hines Drive and Plymouth Road just west of Newburgh Road.

The connector has been named "Jughandle" temporarily and will receive its official name when after construction in the area is finished.

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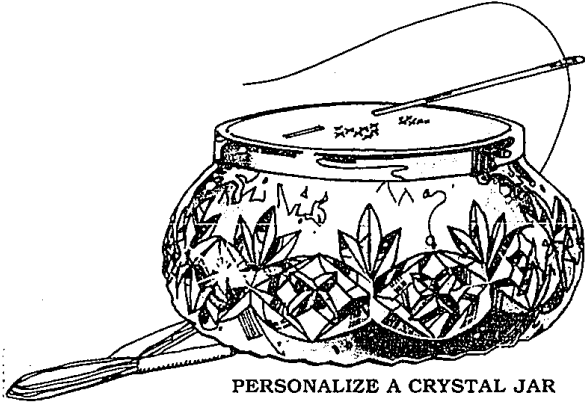
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- ☐ Do you have irregular periods?
- ☐ Do you avoid dairy products?
- ☐ Have you never been pregnant?
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