

### police/fire calls

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

#### ● MAN INDICTED

A federal grand jury in Detroit indicted a former Farmington Hills resident on mail fraud charges Oct. 19.

Named in the 10-count indictment, sealed by court order until last Friday, was Randy J. Schechter, 33, now of Lauderdale, Fla.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service investigated the case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, said U.S. Attorney Stephen Markman.

Schechter faces up to 50 years in prison and fines totaling \$2.5 million if convicted on all counts, said assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Robinson, who presented the case to the grand jury.

Robinson said the indictment charges that Schechter, a chiropractor whose office was in Lathrup Village, took part in a scheme during 1985 and 1986 to defraud insurance companies.

Robinson gave this overview of how the scheme worked:

An attorney would file phone slip and fall claims with Detroit-area retail stores and their insurers. He would obtain medical reports for fictitious clients from several chiropractors.

The attorney would supply a chiropractor with notes describing his "client" and the "slip and fall."

Although he never saw the "patient," the chiropractor used the notes to prepare reports describing

his "patient's" injuries and treatment.

The attorney used the reports in efforts to negotiate an insurance settlement. If he was successful, the chiropractor would receive a portion of the settlement.

#### ● BURGLAR FLEES

A Farmington Hills man arriving home at 8:35 p.m. Saturday surprised a burglar, who was walking down the stairs.

According to Farmington Hills police:

After pulling into his garage on Woodstream Court, the homeowner noticed a garage window broken. The door to the house was open and the door frame was damaged.

Once inside the house, the man yelled, "Who's there?" He then heard footsteps coming down the stairs.

When the burglar appeared, a struggle ensued. The burglar, thought to be in his 20s, reached for a screwdriver in his back pocket but couldn't grab it. So he instead opened the kitchen doorwall and went on the deck.

The burglar then re-entered the house and tried to grab a leather bag containing a video camera, coins and jewelry. But the homeowner intervened and the burglar ran north through yards toward 14 Mile.

The items in the bag had been moved from a bedroom.

#### ● FELONIOUS ASSAULT

A 33-year-old Farmington man required hospital care after a dispute turned into a fight at Shots Bar, 30859 10 Mile, Monday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

At 9:20 p.m., the Farmington man became involved in a dispute with five others inside the bar. The dispute escalated when two of the men

beat the Farmington man with a pool stick and a bottle.

When the Farmington man ran to the parking lot, he was followed, then beaten and kicked about the head and face.

A bar patron — a Detroit woman — came to his aid and took the pool stick away from the man wielding it.

The victim's assailants then left in separate vehicles.

The Farmington man was taken by ambulance to Botsford General Hospital, where he was treated for head and face wounds.

#### ● COINBOX THEFT

About \$1,000 was stolen from the coin-operated washers and dryers at Greenhill Apartments between Oct. 27 and Nov. 3.

There were no signs of forced entry to any buildings; 124 machines are in 62 locations.

A similar theft occurred six

months at Riverbend Apartments in Westland, owned by the same company.

The robber had to have a master key to the buildings and the machines, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

#### ● BREAK-IN TRY

Farmington Hills police arrested a 30-year-old Detroit man on an attempted burglary charge after officer Sandy Schrage saw him act suspiciously by the doorwall on a patio at Timberidge Apartments Friday evening.

Police said they found a screwdriver in his pocket and evidence of a burglary attempt during the 7:45 p.m. arrest.

#### ● COUNTERFEIT BILLS

Farmington Hills police released a 29-year-old Livonia man to the U.S. Secret Service after two counterfeit

\$10 bills were found in his possession at Manufacturers National Bank, 33452 Eight Mile, at noon Friday.

His 1978 Pontiac Bonneville was impounded.

#### ● INDECENT EXPOSURE

A man exposed himself to two women walking past the creek area between Gates 3 and 4 at Mercy Center, 28750 11 Mile, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

The man, thought to be in his 50s, was standing behind the fence. He whistled to draw the women's attention. They had not seen him in the area before, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

#### ● HOST LIABILITY

A 19-year-old Farmington Hills woman was ticketed under the city's host liability ordinance when officers, responding to a noise complaint, found teenagers drinking beer

at a house party at Farmington Mobile Home Manor on Eight Mile at 12:15 a.m. Tuesday, Farmington, Hills police said.

#### ● THEFTS REPORTED

Jewelry valued at \$2,060 was reported stolen from a house on Glenwood Heights, Farmington Hills, between Oct. 13 and Nov. 1.

Twelve full propane tanks valued at \$590 were reported stolen from the rear yard of Tico Titanium, 24581 Crestview Court, Farmington Hills, Nov. 3-4.

A 1988 Pontiac valued at \$9,800 was reported stolen from a house on the 32700 block of 14 Mile, Farmington Hills, Nov. 3-4. It was recovered in West Bloomfield.

The tires and wheels, valued at \$2,000, were stolen from two cars parked along Forest Hill, Farmington Hills, Nov. 5-6. In each case, firewood was placed under the vehicle.

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