

police/fire calls

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

Break-in probed

A 4-foot tall, dark brass statue figure and two cable channel boxes valued at \$3,400 were reported stolen from the Roman Terrace and McJoes Bar, 27820 Orchard Lake Road, both damaged in a major building fire in January.

The theft occurred March 27-31, owner Robert McDonald told Farmington Hills Police. The building is boarded up.

Charges await

Petitions are expected to be filed in Oakland County Probate Court's Juvenile Division against two Farmington Hills teens charging them with indecent exposure and felonious assault, Farmington Hills Police said.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, a firecracker was set off at the rear of the Nancy Wilson, 31616 Grand River, in the Uptown Farmington Plaza, Friday afternoon.

When the store owner yelled to two teens fleeing the scene, they exposed themselves, he said. The man then got into his car and chased after

the youths, who were running to the north end of the center parking lot.

As he tried to apprehend one of the youths, another man stopped to help. The boy pulled a knife on the second man, and began slashing at him and taunting him to fight.

Two boys, aged 12 and 13, were later interviewed with their parents at the Farmington Police Department before being released to their custody pending further investigation.

19-year-old attacked

A 19-year-old Novi resident was hurt in a parking lot fight at the Taco Bell at 38230 10 Mile about 11 p.m. Friday, Farmington Hills Police said.

The fight started after the Novi resident tried to apologize for an incident during the week before by extending his hand to a teen who confronted him in the parking lot.

When that teen spit on his outstretched hand, the Novi resident and his friends went inside. When they came back outside, he was kicked from behind, then pulled by the back of the coat as he tried to get into his truck. He ended up flipping backward onto the pavement.

Once back in the truck, he was hit in the face. He suffered injuries to the elbow,

eye and lip.

His truck also was attacked. The windshield was smashed, the passenger door bent back and the driver's side dented.

The same night, police ticketed an 18-year-old Novi man for disorderly conduct after seeing him push two teens on the Taco Bell sidewalk with no apparent provocation.

Teens gather

Farmington Hills police dispersed without incident a group of teens who had gathered in the parking lot of the Orchard-12 Shopping Center, 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, at 9:30 p.m. Friday.

Seven young people were hurt and three were arrested the two previous Friday nights in connection with parking lot confrontations along the Orchard Lake Road commercial corridor between 12 and 14 Mile.

Tools stolen

A total of \$1,800 in tools, including a paint stripper and car buffer, were reported stolen from a garage on Beacon Street in Farmington on Friday.

Cash larceny

Two waitresses at Denny's Restaurant, 24250 Sinclair Court, were duped out of \$30 by a man who said

he represented a nearby gas station at 2:45 a.m. Sunday.

When the man called at 2:45 a.m. to say the station had run short of singles, the Denny's manager referred him to the waitresses. He said he'd send over his brother.

When a man arrived at Denny's, one waitress gave him 10 singles but said she'd walk to the station with him to verify his credibility.

Just short of the station, he said, "Oh, we should be all set," and returned the cash.

Minutes later, he returned to the restaurant, said he was the earlier caller's brother and needed singles for the gas station.

Two waitresses gave him \$30 in singles. But when they called the station later, they found the cash request was a hoax.

The man, thought to be in his 20s, tried the same scam at Mr. B's Concessions at Grand River and Haggerty the same night, according to a Farmington Hills Police report.

False ID

A 28-year-old Orchard Lake man was ticketed for using false ID to buy alcohol and for furnishing false ID to a police officer in connection with an incident at Mr. Sports One of a kind, 30850 Orchard Lake Road, at 12:45 a.m. Sunday.

Attorney to quit

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Bibeau's firm has a \$72,000 retainer with the city. In addition, the 1989-90 city budget reflects a \$165,000 projection for legal services, which covers hourly charges and charges based on attorneys' experience.

COUNCIL MEMBERS were surprised by the firm's decision not to seek contract renewal, they said.

"This comes more of a surprise than we anticipated. I think your future is in your own hands," Mayor Jean Fox said. "We are not among the highest paying and we realize this."

City Manager William Costick, who works closely with the city attorneys, was disappointed and surprised by the firm's decision, he said.

"He (Bibeau) has never once given me bad advice."

AFTER LISTENING to proposals from the two other law firms, both of which have served as the city's special counsel, the city council made no decision and did not establish a procedure for selecting a new firm.

John Donohue, who represents the city in a zoning dispute with Boys Republic, is a member of Kohl, Seerest, Wardle, Lynch, Clark & Hampton, 30840 Northwestern High-



Paul Bibeau

way, Farmington Hills.

Ron Aho, special counsel for the city in the recent liquor license revocation/non-renewal hearings, is a member of the second firm, Cummings, McCleary, Davis & Aho, 33900 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The two firms were invited to make proposals after the council decided in January to review legal services. Some council members then said they were satisfied with Bibeau's firm. Others said there had been enough questions about the services in the past year that a review was needed.

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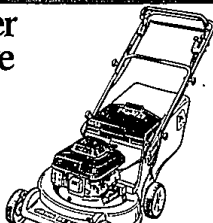
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