

## police/fire calls

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

### PLEADS GUILTY

A Farmington Hills man has pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute cocaine, income tax evasion and possessing a firearm as a felon.

Alfred Bryant, 35, entered his plea before U.S. District Judge Lawrence Zatkoff last week, said U.S. attorney Stephen Markman of Detroit.

The federal charges stem from an October 1985 search of Bryant's house. Federal agents found 14

pounds of cocaine in a hidden closet and five firearms, including a .38-caliber derringer, Markman said. Bryant admitted evading his federal income taxes of \$48,000 for 1983 on income of over \$100,000 for that year.

Investigating agencies included the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Detroit Police Department.

They will share in the sale of Bryant's property forfeited to the government: his house, a 1972 Rolls Royce, a 1985 BMW, a 1982 Mercedes Benz, a 1957 Corvette and \$40,000 in cash.

Bryant is being held in the U.S. marshal's custody pending sentencing July 19. He faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

### HOUSE FIRE

A resident playing with a lighter started a fire that caused about \$9,500 in damage to a second floor bedroom in a group home on the 21500 block of Waldron in southeast Farmington Hills Monday night.

No one was hurt in the 6:30 p.m. fire.

Firefighters found light smoke and extinguished a small fire in the southeast corner of the bedroom. Earlier, the group home overseer sprayed dry chemical extinguisher on the flames.

The bedroom sustained heavy charring and smoke damage. Paper, curtains, carpeting and a dresser were among the items that burned.

The fire's cause continues to be investigated, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

### SCHOOL BREAK-IN

Eight machine press dies were taken from the metal shop in a break-in at East Middle School, 25000 Middlebelt, Monday afternoon. Three were recovered outside the Plexiglas window that was broken.

Twelve other dies were tossed around the room, denting a metal locker and a metal door.

Damage was estimated at \$100, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### SIGN TAKEN

A "No Parking or Standing Fire Lane" sign valued at \$75 was reported

stolen from in front of K mart, 30800 Orchard Lake Road, Sunday afternoon.

A woman held up a child, who lifted the sign from its pole, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### GUN SEIZED

A 32-year-old Detroit man faces a concealed weapon charge in connection with the discovery of a loaded handgun in his car during a traffic stop at Shiloh and Inkster in Farmington Hills early Sunday, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### BULLETS FIRED

Six gunshot holes were found in the front passenger door of a car parked on westbound I-696 at southbound I-275 at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Shotgun pellet spray also peppered the grille, hood and windshield. No one was reported shot. Nothing else seemed unusual in the area. The car, parked there since at least 5 p.m. Saturday, was registered to a Troy man.

A resident of nearby Quakertown reported hearing gunshots at 3 a.m. Sunday. The investigation was turned over to the Michigan State Police, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### BUSH FIRE

Damage was estimated at \$150 when yard-light underground wiring short-circuited, igniting a small bush at a house on Doherty Saturday night. The owner extinguished the fire with a garden hose, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

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