

## police/fire calls

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

**REFUSE FIRE**  
Smoldering embers in a garbage can in the garage of a house on Holly Hill caused an estimated \$100 loss to contents Sunday, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.  
When firefighters arrived they extinguished embers by dumping them

in the snow. Firefighters removed smoke from the building.

**OFFICE FIRE**  
A cigarette is blamed for a small fire in a wastebasket on the third floor of the Hayman Company, 32605 12 Mile, on Friday, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.  
Firefighters could smell smoke when they entered the building on the first floor. Employees on the third floor confirmed there had been a wastebasket fire. A discarded cigarette was found in the basket. The fire was confined to the basket. No damage was estimated.

**THEFTS REPORTED**  
A knife set, beeper, gold chain and cable remote control valued at \$462 were reported stolen from a house on 12 Mile Monday.  
Forty-four aluminum transmission cases valued at \$3,741 were reported stolen from Cincinnati Milacron, 38555 Hills Tech Drive, between Dec. 29 and Jan. 3.

**DAMAGE REPORTED**  
The back door of Mike's Cleaners,

A ring valued at \$2,395 was reported stolen from a house on Middlebelt Dec. 1.  
A fur coat valued at \$1,500 was reported stolen from Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 13 Mile, between Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.  
Jewelry valued at \$468 was reported stolen from a house on Wescott Crescent Circle between Dec. 12 and Dec. 17.

29104 Orchard Lake Road, sustained an estimated \$1,700 in damage when someone backed into it with their car Saturday.

Damage was estimated at \$1,500 to a lawn on East King William after someone drove over it sometime between Dec. 23 and Jan. 1. A lawn on Thornbrook was also damaged in the same way Dec. 23, but damage was not estimated.

A kitchen of a house on Red Clover Road was damaged Sunday by what appeared to be a BB or pellet gun. Damage was estimated at \$850.

## Men charged with robbing Wendy's

Before the armed robber of Wendy's restaurant at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake Road made his getaway just before 11:30 p.m. Sunday, he told employees to have a good day.

Now two Detroit men face felony charges in connection with the robbery of an undisclosed amount of cash, coins and gift certificates from the restaurant, 38177 10 Mile.

Rodney D. Gilliam, 20, and John Doe, also known as Leon Ford Jr., 19, stood mute to charges of armed robbery each at their arraignments Monday before Judge Margaret Schaeffer in 47th District Court of Farmington.

Ford also stood mute to a charge of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Pleas

of not guilty were entered on behalf of both men. Neither man posted the \$50,000 cash-surety bond set at the arraignment. Both remain in custody pending a preliminary examination on the charges scheduled for Jan. 16 in 47th District Court in Farmington.

Conviction of armed robbery carries a maximum life sentence. Possession of a firearm carries a mandatory two-year sentence to be served consecutively with other sentences upon conviction.

ACCORDING TO police, a lone man entered Wendy's - after it was closed - with a key while employees were cleaning the restaurant. He reportedly wore a nylon stocking over his head and was armed with a small, black handgun.

The man forced the restaurant manager to open a safe in the office from which he took money and gift certificates. He then left the restaurant in a car driven by another man, police said.

The manager told police she recognized the car as similar to one just bought by an employee.

The car was seen by a Farmington Hills officer on eastbound M-102. A Farmington Public Safety officer quickly pulled behind the car, still on M-102, and with Farmington Hills officers stopped the car and arrested the men without incident.

Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer commended the officers "for their alertness."

## Handicapped permits must be originals

Handicapped motorists are reminded that the original copy of their parking permit must be placed in full view in the windshield of their cars.

"There is a misconception that photocopies of the permits are acceptable," said Sgt. Ray Cranston of the Farmington Hills Police Department traffic section.

Volunteers with the city's handicapped parking enforcement team

check the permits and have come across many that are copies. Though the permits received from the Secretary of State say permanent on them, they do have expiration dates, which also are checked by volunteers.

Permits must be renewed at the Secretary of State's office. Documents from a physician are required, Cranston said.

The volunteer program began in October of 1990, volunteers had issued 297 tickets as of Dec. 31.

A change in the state Handicapped Parking Law authorizes local police to use civilian volunteers to issue citations to able-bodied people who park in spaces designated for drivers

who are handicapped and have a permit to prove it.

The program began with 14 volunteers. In November, another 14 were trained and are now out on the road.

The \$50 fine is expected to increase to \$100, as allowed by state law, in the near future.

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