

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

Wire wheels and hubcaps have been a popular item to steal in March. Seven incidents of stolen wheels or hubcaps were reported to the Farmington Hills police over the weekend.

Wire wheels and hubcaps were taken from a variety of types of cars parked at Strawberry Lane Apartments, on Middelbelt, just south of 12 Mile; Pace Membership Warehouse, 24800 Haggerty; Kendallwood Apartments, 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads; Elks Lodge, 23666 Orchard Lake Road; Glencove; Steak and Ale, 27590 Orchard Lake Road; and Woodhue Apartments, 30310 12 Mile Road.

Value of the reported stolen wheels and hubcaps was in the \$400-\$500 range. The incidents reportedly occurred between March 7 and Sunday, according to Farmington Hills police reports.

Windows of cars parked at various locations in Farmington Hills were shot out, some with an unknown type of weapons, others with a BB gun or pellet gun, over the weekend, according to Farmington Hills police reports.

Damage to the cars ranged from \$99 to \$500. The damaged cars were parked on Middlebelt, Glenmoor Heights, Colgate and Montclair.

Three Farmington Hills youths were taken to Providence Hospital Southfield, for a precautionary check for smoke inhalation after a fire started on a mantle above a fireplace in a house on Northwick just before 12:46 a.m. Saturday, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

A smoke detector alerted the youths' uncle, who was in the kitchen. A candle apparently had burned down and ignited materials on the mantle. The uncle extinguished the fire with a small book and glass of water.

"Without a smoke detector this

could have been a tragedy," said Deputy Fire Chief Peter Baldwin.

Sixteen young adults face misdemeanor charges in connection with a disorderly party in a room at Motel 6, 38300 Grand River, Friday, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The partygoers, ages 15-20, are residents of Union Lake, Orchard Lake, Highland and one from West Bloomfield. Police were called to the scene when someone saw two of the partygoers urinating in the motel parking lot, according to the report.

When police arrived, no one would respond to their knock at the motel's room door. Finally, the on-duty manager opened the door with a master key. When police entered they found the room full of people, beer cans and bottles, and a keg of beer in the bathtub, according to the report.

Two of the partygoers were charged with indecent conduct for urinating in the parking lot. The misdemeanor charge carries a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Fourteen of the partygoers (those under the age of 21, the legal drinking age) were charged with the possession of alcohol by a minor, which on the first offense carries a maximum \$25 fine. One of the 14 also will be charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor by providing

alcohol, which carries a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and \$500 fine. A 15-year-old girl at the party will be referred to juvenile court.

While burning wood logs in his fireplace Saturday night, a resident on Misty Pines Drive said the room began to fill with smoke. He told a firefighter that the chimney flue may have been closed. Firefighters extinguished the smoldering remnants of the logs, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

Two Southfield residents face breaking and entering of a motor vehicle charges in connection with stealing a wheel off a truck at Tom Holzer Ford, 39300 10 Mile, on Sunday.

A guard at the dealership saw a car with a man and woman in it drive up along a fence of the dealership. The man got out of the car and walked to the truck and van lot. He was seen returning to the car dragging something, which he put in the back seat of the car, which was driven by the woman, according to Farmington Hills police report.

The car left on eastbound 10 Mile. The pair was stopped by police on Grand River, east of Middelbelt. Police found a wheel on the back seat of the car, according to the report.

the man and woman face a maximum penalty of five years in prison and \$1,000 fine.

An injured raccoon, caught in the bathroom of a house on Mifflon, was removed by Farmington Hills police Sunday. The raccoon was put in a box and taken to an open area east of Drake, south of 12 Mile. The injured animal was shot, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Jewelry valued at \$590 was stolen from a unit at Indian Creek Apartments, 22221 Indian Creek, March 6. A facsimile machine valued at \$575 was reported stolen from MIPS Software, 33493 14 Mile, March 7 or 8.

Jewelry and a jewelry box valued at \$4,155 were reported stolen from a house on 12 Mile Friday.

An air compressor, wheelbarrow, wire, screws and tubing valued at between \$625 and \$700 were stolen from a house still under construction on Edgemoor Saturday or Sunday.

Damage was estimated at \$600 when someone deflated a rear tire and scratched the paint on a 1984 Ford Ranger at Blue Line Shipping.

24120 Haggerty, March 7 or 8.
Damage was estimated at \$500 when someone broke the steering column on a 1991 Chevrolet Blazer at Graco, 24775 Crestview Court Friday.

The engine compartment of a 1990 Geo Storm parked on Ranchwood was damaged when someone pulled the spark plugs and then broke the glove compartment inside the car Saturday. Damage was estimated at \$700.

Also on Ranchwood, a 1988 Ford Blazer was damaged when someone carved obscenities and a swastika in the paint Saturday. Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

An employee at the Shell station at Grand River and Power Roads told police that a man tried to forcibly enter the gas station booth as he was locking the door early Monday morning. The man, who tried to use his shoulder to push himself in, said that he wanted to use the pay telephone. The man, a Detroit resident, fled in a 1987 Ford Aerostar driven by a Troy resident. They were stopped by Farmington police. No charges were filed, but the two men were released to police departments where they were wanted on outstanding warrants.



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