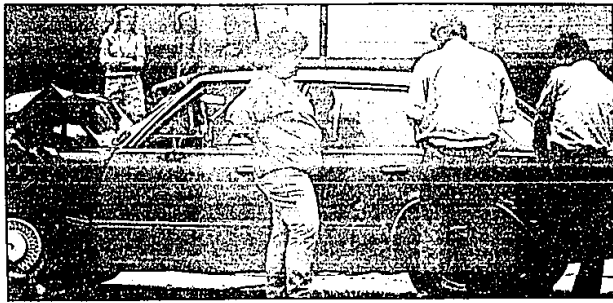


### Accident's aftermath



**A dog found:** Cheri Wright (center) holds Venus, her employee's dog, shortly after an auto accident on Farmington Road south of Nine Mile in Farmington. The employee and Venus were in a car that was involved in the crash. Wright said that Sharon (she wouldn't give her last name) ran from the scene to a nearby 7-Eleven to call her boss and have her come to look for the dog, who had escaped. The dog was found.

## Scam aimed at area businesses prompts warning from police

By CASEY HANS  
STAFF WRITER

Farmington police are warning businesses and residents to be aware of an apparent scam which has already targeted at least two businesses in the city in recent weeks.

According to Commander Chuck Lee of the Farmington Department of Public Safety, one local business is out \$325 after falling prey last week to a con man who said he was a state trooper and feigned an emergency.

According to Lee, a man called the business on Eight Mile Road, identified himself as a police trooper and told the owner that his business partner had been in an automobile accident in Lansing. The caller went on to explain that the injured man had no identification

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**Chuck Lee**  
commander

or money, and had asked the police to call and have money wired by his partner.

The Farmington businessman realized what had happened when he called his partner's wife to find out about the injuries and subsequent hospitalization, and the partner answered the phone.

The money was picked up at a New York Western Union station within half an hour from the time the wire transfer was made, Lee said.

Anyone with the proper code can

apparently claim Western Union money anywhere in the country, which makes the problem even more difficult to trace.

In a second Farmington case, a business woman became suspicious and contacted the police after getting a call. The state police post in Northville is also working on two similar cases.

"This is the fourth case I know of," said Lee. "One (caller) even gave a name and a badge number." Lee suggests residents verify any emergency before sending money of any kind, and be aware that police agencies will not request money in this way.

"Don't wire any money unless you know it's valid," he added. Although businesses appear to be the main target, Lee warns residents to be aware of the problem as well.

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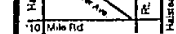


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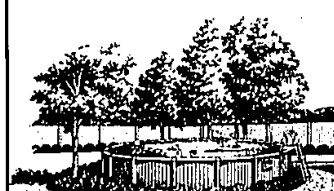
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