

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

WOMAN PLEADS

A Farmington Hills woman has pleaded guilty to a charge of wire fraud before U.S. District Judge George Woods, according to U.S. Attorney Stephen Markman.

Angela Melton will be sentenced to a maximum 15 months in prison and under terms of her plea agreement will cooperate with the government in the prosecution of her co-defendants, one of whom is her brother, according to Sheldon Light, assistant U.S. attorney, who is prosecuting the case.

According to court information in connection with the guilty plea, Melton apparently schemed with co-defendants Anthony Satariano and Willie Ivery between July and October 1991 to defraud NVR Savings Bank, McLean, Va., of approximately \$763,000.

"Mr. Satariano, an officer of NVR, arranged through Mrs. Melton (his sister), Mr. Ivery and others, to open certain bank accounts which enabled Satariano to fraudulently wire transfer the funds from NVR," Light said.

"The defendants then arranged to transfer these funds so as to conceal the fraud upon NVR and deliver the proceeds to Mr. Satariano," Light added.

Melton may also be ordered to pay full restitution. She has been released on an unsecured bond, pending sentencing.

The FBI conducted the investigation.

ARMED ROBBERY

Three Detroiters face felony charges in connection with a Aug. 4 armed robbery of a man and woman at Diamond Forest Apartments on Halsted, according to Farmington Hills police.

Police do not believe the armed robbery of the man in the parking lot and the woman in her apartment was random, according to Detective Sgt. Charles Nebus.

Charges against the three include armed robbery, breaking and entering with intent to commit armed robbery and felony firearm charges. The three pleaded not guilty at their Aug. 6 arraignment in 47th District Court. The men remain in Oakland County Jail on a \$150,000 cash or surety bond each. A preliminary exam on the charges is scheduled for Aug. 14.

According to a police report, a 26-year-old Detroit man, a friend of a 28-year-old Farmington Hills woman who lived in the apartments, was stopped and attacked by two of three unidentified men as he reached a common door to the apartments.

The third man apparently entered an apartment where a woman, known by the male victim, lived. The woman told police she heard someone enter her apartment and then saw a man enter her bedroom. The man reportedly pointed a gun at her head and then threw her to the floor. The man searched the bedroom and found a safe, which he forced the woman to open. The man then tied the woman with a telephone cord and left.

The men left the complex with a Rolex watch valued

at \$1,000 and an undisclosed amount of cash.

SKATEBOARD ROBBERY

An unidentified man who said he had a gun robbed a 19-year-old man of a \$35 skateboard late Aug. 6, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

As the man rode his skateboard near the entrance of apartments on Eight Mile, near Gill, the unidentified man said, "Do a trick for me." As the skateboarder rode off, he was chased on foot by the man. As the man got closer, he grabbed the 19-year-old's shirt and said, "Give me your board. I have a gun." The skateboarder complied. He also told police he did not see a gun or a getaway car.

SENTENCING RESCHEDULED

A Farmington Hills man convicted of murder will be sentenced before Oakland County Circuit Judge Robert Templin on Sept. 8.

The sentencing originally scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 11, was changed because the county probation department had not yet completed a required pre-sentencing report.

Edward Hopkins faces life in prison following his conviction July 31 of first-degree murder in the shooting deaths of LaTerra Carter, 17, and Ricardo Preston, 19, on May 31, 1991.

UNARMED ROBBERY

An unidentified man walked away with approxi-

mately \$88 cash after he robbed a flower shop on 12 Mile Road early Monday morning, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The man entered the store, bought two cards and as he was leaving turned around and stopped to buy some flowers from Heuts & Roses, 33238 12 Mile. The man gave the employee a \$5 bill for the flowers and as he opened the cash drawer, he walked around the counter and took \$20, \$10 and \$5 bills. The man immediately left the store.

The man, according to the employee, was unarmed and did not threaten her.

THEFTS REPORTED

Tires and wheels valued at \$1,200 were reported stolen from a 1992 GMC on Oakpoint Drive, Aug. 9-10.

A boat cover valued at \$500 was reported stolen from Suburban Auto Trim & Glass, 30410 Nine Mile, Aug. 9-10.

Approximately \$765 cash was reported stolen from a house on Montclair, Aug. 10.

A stereo, pizza bag and two pizzas valued at \$670 were reported stolen from a 1987 Dodge at the Maple Ridge Apartments, Aug. 7.

Tools valued at \$1,000 were reported stolen from a 1988 Ford at the Diamond Forest Apartments on Halsted, Aug. 9.

Fishing equipment and tools valued at \$1,150 were reported stolen from a 1986 Ford on Tulane, Aug. 9.

Golf clubs valued at \$1,500 were reported stolen from a garage on Sheffield Court, Aug. 5-6.

OBITUARIES

LORRAYNE G. STORK

Miss Stork, 86, of West Bloomfield died Aug. 8 in Windemere Nursing Home, West Bloomfield.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Miss Stork was the former assistant vice president at the University of Cincinnati.

Survivors include her niece, Peg,

ky Lukey of Farmington Hills; nephew, James Stork. Services were Aug. 14 at the Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements may be made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

Smoking from page 1A

should not use the schools (for smoking) because it has an impact on the kids."

The federal Clean Air Act calls on governmental units to ban smoking in all but designated areas of the buildings. In schools, that means smoking is usually confined to staff lounge areas.

Farmington school Superintendent Michael Flanagan called Zack's comments "excellent," but told him that the issues of smoking and staff lounges are "negotiated issues."

The district is currently negotiating contracts with three of its employee unions, he said. "We have an enlightened employee group. I hope

■ 'Operating in a school setting, these lounges make smoking appear to be a normal, benign adult diversion.'

Albert Zack

we'll be able to come to an agreement on that."

Zack, Alley, chief negotiator for the three Farmington unions which represent custodial, maintenance, food service and support employees and teachers, said she was aware of Zack's recent comments to the board.

"I'm sure it (the smoking issue) will be discussed at the table," she

said. Any change would constitute a change in the employees' working conditions, she added.

Employees are currently working under a school board policy which allows designated smoking areas. The unions have no policy of their own, she said.

In his statement, Zack begged the board to take action in the matter. "It is time to take such action, and common sense requires us to do so," he said. "Tobacco-free schools send a . . . message to everyone who enters a school building."

Zack, a former smoker, said he is a volunteer with the American Cancer Society and was active as a school administrator in trying to get policies changed. He said he is encouraged with today's attitudes against smoking.

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Thanksgiving dinner.



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