

Owner offers reward after store vandalism

Rent A Roll on Grand River reported Dec. 14 that vandals shot out the windows of the store, leaving \$2,000 worth of damage.

This was the second such incident to the business in the last few months and owner George Vichos is offering a \$3,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible.

Several weeks ago, vandals

broke the shop's windows and Vichos replaced them. In both incidents, the vandals apparently shot the windows with a BB gun.

Vichos said that because several expensive cars are in the store, he may move the business temporarily to another location until the vandals are caught.

Anyone with information should contact the Farmington Hills Police Department.

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pected to contribute toward construction, a requirement we simply cannot meet given the college's present financial condition."

Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman said he and Farmington Hills City Manager William Costick were brought into the negotiations late and assumed that OCC officials already knew they were expected to pay part of the construction cost.

"Apparently there was a misunderstanding," Deadman said, adding that at last Friday's five-hour meeting "we found out for the first time that the college didn't understand they were going to have to pay something."

Despite the misunderstanding, officials on both sides are taking pains to defuse any suggestion of animosity.

"We came away from the table with mutual respect, satisfied that we gave it our best effort," said Daniel Jakson, OCC's vice chancellor.

"We were very pleased with the reaction we got from the college," Deadman said. "They worked very hard on this project to see if they could make it go."

Papal said that the Farmington library district, which serves Farmington and Farmington Hills residents with two existing libraries, is still interested in erecting a new edifice and may ask voters to approve a bond issue next year to that end.

Meyer Grant expects the library board, which meets again in January, to come to the council with a new proposal soon. He also said the board is considering building a library on the Peltz property, south of I-696 and west of Farmington Road, or on property across from OCC on Orchard Lake.

Voters turned down a similar bond proposal in 1989 by fewer than 300 votes, Papal said.

Mary Lou Song contributed to this report.

Alcohol sting hits 10 businesses

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When the Farmington Hills Police Department conducted its undercover sting last weekend, Chief William Dwyer said he was surprised that 10 of 45 businesses in the city were cited for serving alcohol to minors.

Only three restaurants were ticketed last year during a Dec. 13 sting. Still, those numbers show an improvement from the first sting in October 1988 when 50 of 76 bars were ticketed.

On Friday and Saturday, the Farmington Hills police sent two decoys — an 18-year-old male cadet and a plain-clothes female officer — to every establishment holding a liquor license in the area. Dwyer said the male decoy looked 16-years-old and was not dressed to appear older. His appearance should have prompted the establishments to check for ID.

"You can surmise that the increase is due to the fact that this is the first time the department has had two persons go on the premise," Dwyer said.

Dwyer said two decoys were sent because the police department wanted to make sure that establishments check for ID when groups of people order alcohol.

Dwyer said the decoys worked from noon to midnight Friday and from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday.

"The purpose was not to entrap," Dwyer said of the decoys. "And we didn't target times when restaurants were busy. We tried to systematically check all locations in the city. We had 45 locations to check and only a certain number of hours to check all 45."

Those cited were: Metropolis Music Cafe; Dominion's Seafood Tavern; Buddy's Pizzeria; Boneyard Barbeque; Cafe Cortina; Mountain Jack's; Sitar Cuisine of India; Wing Hong Restaurant; and Nippon-Kai Japanese Restaurant.

The tickets for violations came even after letters were sent through certified mail to the establishments, telling them to expect the undercover investigation.

The violations carry a \$500 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail. Notice is also sent to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, which can also fine the violators or revoke a liquor license. Those cited are scheduled to appear later in 47th District Court.

Despite criticism by some establishments that sending two decoys instead of one and inspecting establishments at busy hours was unfair, other restaurant managers say employees should check identification at all times.

Roy E. Eastin, a manager at Max & Erma's Restaurant, said that "people know they have a job to do, and that if a person doesn't have

identification, they're not going to be served."

He says the restaurant requires employees to attend an eight-hour alcohol awareness program sponsored by Budweiser. The program teaches employees to check for identification and to stop serving someone who appears intoxicated.

Eastin also says that employees are told to ask for ID from anyone that looks under 30, and that the restaurant only accepts three forms of ID: a Michigan driver's license or identification card, and a passport. Anyone presenting anything else must speak to the manager, who checks the ID against a book published by the government showing valid forms of ID issued by each state.

Employees who serve alcohol to minors are "fired on the spot," Eastin said. "Everyone here knows we take it seriously."

The Max & Erma's management also warns employees to be especially careful during holidays and summers when students are more likely to be on vacation.

"It's the obligation of the licensee," Dwyer said of checking ID. "It doesn't matter whether they're busy or not. We're trying to make sure that young people aren't killed during the holiday season as they are every year."

"I would hope that they would continue to check ID's of those persons they feel are under 21."

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no more frequently than at other Farmington high schools, or elsewhere, but this incident has been the most severe, Cowan said.

After being punched, Kenneth LaFleur notified the attendance office, Joanne LaFleur said. He was given an ice pack for his bleeding nose and called his mother to pick him up. She drove him to Providence Hospital in Novi, by which time he was already incoherent, the report said.

LaFleur was then transferred to Providence Hospital in Southfield where a CAT SCAN was performed. He suffered a cerebral concussion (clouded head injury), a cracked jaw, two broken facial bones and severe swelling.

The boy who attacked LaFleur couldn't explain why he was angry that day, but his mother told police that her son displaced his anger on LaFleur because other boys had made fun of his ethnic de-

scent, the report said.

The boy was suspended immediately. This was his second suspension, the report said.

The boy couldn't explain why he hit LaFleur, saying that "he just went crazy" and added that he only hit LaFleur once and speculated that LaFleur probably hit the wall after he was punched. However, a student witness who was with LaFleur said that after LaFleur was punched, the boy lifted LaFleur by the shirt and

slammed his head against the wall, the report said.

"You know that I don't move for anybody," the boy told principal Jim Myers and assistant principal Jerry Allison, according to the report.

Myers said that it wasn't immediately evident that LaFleur had suffered a concussion. He pleaded confidentiality when questioned about the discipline of the boy who struck LaFleur.

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