



Drug Detector: The elements of Tom Sudyk's drug testing kit are shown.



Kitmester: Farmington Hills' Tom Sudyk (left), shown blowing up a balloon to test for alcohol, works with his associates Rick Renich (center) and Loren Murray.

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ray, a Westland resident and Farmington High School graduate, and Rick Renich of Novi.

Sudyk is an ex-Detroit who lives with his wife, Linda, a Farmington High School graduate, and four children ages 7 through 12.

"This is a quick test with a deterrent aspect," Sudyk said. "Kids believe that they are undetectable and won't get caught."

Test is a warning

The detection kit allows parents to have a conversation with their children beforehand and to warn them that they will be tested if drug use is suspected. The product is a tool to avoid peer pressure, he adds.

"Marijuana stays in your system three or four weeks, but kids don't know that," Sudyk said.

If the child comes home high Saturday night and refuses to take the test, for example, the parent can make the child take the test on Thursday before the

parent hands over the key to the car.

"If you have a kid that weighs 115 pounds, you have a kid that can be legally drunk with two beers. If a child has two beers, he doesn't feel drunk, but if he is stopped by police, he'll have a DWI in your car and your insurance will go through the roof."

The detection kit, priced at \$49.95, includes a free alcohol tester (usually priced at \$3), a questionnaire for parents, a cassette tape and a plastic container for the tester's urine.

Omega Services, Inc. sends the urine samples to Med-Tox, a Dallas, Texas, lab which tests for cocaine, marijuana, amphetamines and opiates.

"We've had a lot of negative reaction from kids," Sudyk said. "Some kids think it's a real invasion of their privacy. Parents can decide on consequences."

"We feel that it's cheaper than a doctor's visit," Sudyk said. "It gives parents the ability to test

right away before everything except marijuana is out of their system."

Information is identified by a number and parents can receive results through a voice mail system, by telephone or mail.

"People don't believe it, but every time you go to the doctor, you are creating a medical record that is accessible by a lot more people than you know," Sudyk said.

For example, prospective employers gain access when they ask a job applicant for a records waiver, Sudyk said.

Other tests planned

Omega will also soon offer a hair sampling test. "The thing about hair sampling is that hair grows back a half inch a month so that you can look back six months and see if you have a history," Sudyk said. "It only detects chronic use so you're not getting the first intervention."

High-dilution testing is another method. Here, parents turn off the water in the toilet so it won't flush and take a urine sample directly out of the toilet.

"There are parents who don't have the ability to confront their child," Sudyk said. "There (are)

single mothers and other people who can't even bring this product into their home. The kids would just go psycho on them."

An instant cocaine test where chemicals need to be mixed will cost \$19.95.

Sudyk is also marketing the kit in Tennessee, Kentucky, Dallas and Lansing. For more information call: 1-800-334-1499. The company will offer a 15 percent discount to school PTA groups.

Farmington Hills police chief William Dwyer said that he neither condemns or condones Omega's test kits, but added that Hills police provide a similar service —

for free. So does the Farmington Public Safety Department.

Substances submitted to the Hills police are analyzed by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab. Persons can remain anonymous.

Dwyer suggests parents first get advice from a professional, like a family physician, for example, before they embark on testing their children for drugs.

The alcohol tester would probably detect the presence of alcohol, Dwyer said, but was unsure as to its accuracy in detecting alcohol level.

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the amount of sand that was delivered.

"The fund to help clean up contamination caused by leaking underground storage tanks was established to clean up real problems that can present health and safety hazards," Kelley said. "It is not meant to increase the wealth of a few private individuals and companies."

Maximum penalty charges are: conspiracy to commit false pretenses, 10 years; false pretenses over \$100, 10 years and/or \$5,000; and attempted false pretenses over \$100, five years.

"The MUSTFA fund reimburses entities for the environmental clean-up of leaking underground storage tanks (remediation)," said Detective Sgt. James Ward of the Michigan State Police.

"Contractors who clean up sites submit invoices for that clean-up to the state. The state contracts with Consolidated Risk Management (CRMS) to process these claims. The state reimburses the contractor for the

clean-up costs based on those invoices.

To clean up a site, a company must remove the leaking tanks from the ground and soil around those tanks. The removal of the soil is called excavation. Then sand has to be placed back into the excavated hole. The sand placed back in the hole is called backfill.

Lear Environmental contracted to clean-up sites at Plenda (Mt. Clemens), Cronc & Tocco (Oak Park), Scott's Super Service (Detroit), Merchants (Lincoln Park), Omilian (Detroit) and K & B Mounting (Warren).

State Representative Tom Alley (D-West Branch) applauded Kelley.

"While this is not a conviction, it is an indication that major problems exist within the cleanup industry. And though certainly not all contractors or consultants are bad actors, this shows us the abuse has been prevalent with the large pot of gold provided by the 7% cent regulatory fee on refined

fuel," Alley has been preparing legislative language to tighten up areas where fraud or abuse can exist within the law.

Last November, Alley requested the Auditor General do an audit of the MUSTFA Fund sunset

date, in order to do further investigation of alleged fraud and abuse.

"Because of pressure from the contractors, consultants and some owners/operators, I was only able to shorten the sunset date,

but I believe that will give us enough leverage to put in place the necessary safeguards. I am still somewhat hopeful of seeing a total restructuring of the MUSTFA Fund administration, but we'll have to wait and see."

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POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

BREAK-INS

A radar detector worth \$100 was stolen from a 1988 Ford Mustang parked at Total Soccer on Freeway Park in Farmington Hills April 5. The driver's side window was damaged, causing \$100 in damage.

A German shepherd answering to the name of Sasha was stolen from an apartment at the Independence Green Apartments on Harrison in Farmington Hills on April 7. The registered 2 1/2-year-old dog is worth \$1,500.

VANDALISM

A 7-by-4-foot double pane door wall and two smaller windows were smashed at a unit in the Fairmont Park Apartments on Glen Court in Farmington Hills April 5.

The front window of a residence on Dorchester in Farmington Hills was broken by a shot from a pellet or BB gun causing \$200 in damage.

A rock was thrown through the windshield of a 1985 Toyota Landcruiser on Highway in Farmington Hills April 7 causing \$250 in damage.

MAIL FRAUD

A resident at a house on Farmington Road in Farmington Hills said two Social Security checks totaling \$1,350 were missing. She

found that the owner of the property had stopped the mail and picked it up at the main post office in Farmington Hills.

AUTO THEFTS

A 1993 green and gray Ford Mustang GT convertible worth \$23,232 was stolen from Tom Holzer Ford on 10 Mile between March 22 and April 6.

A 1993 blue Pontiac Grand Am worth \$15,000 was stolen from Bob Sellers Pontiac on Grand River in Farmington Hills between April 1-7.

An unsuccessful attempt to steal a 1990 Ford Thunderbird from the Timber Ridge Apartments on Timber Ridge in Farmington Hills caused \$300 in damage due to a punched door lock.

THEFTS

The rear window of a 1990 Geo Tracker parked on Foxchase in Farmington Hills between April 6-7 was unslipped causing \$230 in damage.

The Page Net Co. on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills reported 900 papers worth \$85,000 stolen between March 3-24 from a store room. There was no forced entry.

The front fog lamps worth \$250 from a 1991 Ford Escort parked in front of an apartment on Strawberry Lane in Farmington Hills were stolen between April 3-6.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

A resident of the Muirwood Apartments on Woodridge Court

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