

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

■ MISDEMEANOR

Deposits totaling \$1,282.87 were missing from a Taco Bell on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills April 2. The incident was reported April 3 when the deposit slips turned up without the cash to match.

■ AUTO THEFT

A 1987 black Chevy Monte Carlo worth \$7,000, with a Detroit Red Wings jacket worth \$150 and a radar detector worth \$150 inside, was stolen from Barfield in Farmington Hills between April 8-9.

A 1993 black Mazda Miata worth \$22,395 was stolen from Bill Cook Mazda on Grand River in Farmington Hills April 10.

■ THEFTS

A purse worth \$295 and a

school bag worth \$45 were stolen from a residence on Bradley April 9.

A radar detector worth \$150 was stolen and the driver's side window was smashed on a 1991 Eagle parked in a carport at a residence on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills between April 8-9, causing \$76 in damage.

A mountain bike worth \$200 was stolen from a storage room at the Independence Green Apartments on Eisenhower in Farmington Hills between April 7-8.

■ VANDALISM

A gas light and mailbox on Greythorne in Farmington Hills were vandalized, causing \$400 in damage April 9.

A 3-by-7-foot glass window was smashed at Discount Tire on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills April 9, causing \$300 in damage.

A window was smashed at East Middle School on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills April 10, causing \$200 in damage.

A piece of concrete was thrown through the window of a 1985 Toyota Camry parked on Wessex in Farmington Hills April 10, causing \$400 in damage.

An object was thrown from a car headed east on 13 Mile in Farmington Hills as it passed a 1988 white Cadillac, breaking the driver's window and causing \$250 in damage.

■ BREAK-INS

The driver's door lock was punched, causing \$200 in damage, and four hubcaps worth \$200 were stolen from a 1989 Black Ford Thunderbird parked at the Timber Ridge Apartments on Timber Ridge in Farmington Hills between March 30 and April 7.

A front glass door was smashed, causing \$400 in damage, at the Baskin Robbins on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills between April 10-11 and \$200 in cash was stolen from an unlocked cash register.

Three cars parked at the United Artists Theatre on Grand River in Farmington Hills April 12 were broken into. A 1993 purple Ford Taurus and a 1992 blue Mercury each sustained \$100 in damage from punched door locks.

County to appeal outcome of chamber break-in trial

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The Oakland County prosecutor's office plans to appeal a recent breaking-and-entering case heard April 7 before Judge Fred Harris in 47th District Court.

Kirsten Nielsen, assistant Oakland County prosecutor, wasn't pleased with the disposition of the case involving William Edward Soronen, 28, of Farmington Hills.

Harris reduced the breaking-and-entering charge, in connection with a March 12 incident at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, to a charge of entering without the owner's permission.

"The people didn't establish the charge of breaking and entering," Harris explained Tuesday. "We believe the judge acted inappropriately," Nielsen countered. "We met our burden (of proof)."

The original charge, a felony, carried a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail and a \$5,000 fine. In

general, misdemeanors can range from 90 days in jail to \$500.

A guilty plea on the illegal entry charge was entered for William Soronen without Nielsen's knowledge on a day when she was not at 47th District Court, Nielsen said.

William Soronen is currently serving a 30-day work release sentence in Oakland County Jail concurrent with a contempt of court charge in Oakland County involving a "no account" check charge, according to Lt. Charles Sneyre, Oakland County Jail.

A \$1,000 fine payment netted Soronen a 45-day suspension of that 90-day sentence, Sneyre said. Soronen is allowed to leave the jail to work during the day, but must return at night, clerk Jeanne Quisenberry said.

William Soronen is the son of chamber executive director JoAnn Soronen. She was the prosecution's first witness.

In testimony, JoAnn Soronen said that she gave her son no permission to enter the building that

night or permission to remove any petty cash.

However, she testified that she gave him permission on previous occasions to enter the building because he kept his resume stored in her computer.

JoAnn Soronen acknowledged that her son had also borrowed from the petty cash money before, but in her presence.

"He took it and I replaced it," JoAnn Soronen said.

"Did you ever indicate that it was not your money but the chamber's?" Nielsen asked.

"I don't think that we ever discussed it," JoAnn Soronen said.

She added that her son went in after work hours at least "half a dozen" times to work on his resume. Had he asked for permission to enter the building that night, she "probably" would have granted it, JoAnn Soronen said.

"I'm not in the habit of counting the money," she said of the petty cash total. "I don't know how much was in there at all."

CLARIFICATION

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