

Woman reports weapons search to NAACP

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 Farmington Public Safety detectives want to talk to a man in connection with a felony stop April 24, which resulted in a weapons search involving a Southfield woman who is black.
 No weapon was found. The woman is upset. She reported the incident to the NAACP.
 "I don't think it's right," said Joyce Durrah, 38, who was described as being in "near hysterics" in the police report.
 "I kept saying, 'What did I do wrong?' I looked up and there

were two shotguns pointed at my head."
 Public safety director Gary Goss denied two shotguns were pointed and that the woman was told to lay on the ground.
 Police later met with the woman and her husband to explain why the search was conducted.
 Officers acted on a report they had received from a man, who said a woman driving a gold Mercedes Benz had pulled a gun on him and other passengers in a brown Lincoln.
 Police spotted a vehicle matching the description stopped at a

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light on Grand River and Farmington. The Mercedes was pulled over on Farmington Road near Baskin Robins.
 With weapons drawn, police ordered the woman to leave the car. No physical force was used, police said.
 She was released at the scene.

done differently. The stop was conducted in text book fashion."
 The person who complained to police is described as a black man in his 40s who waved down officers near the intersection of Grand River and Farmington.
 The man couldn't produce any identification. He was asked to meet officers at the station's parking lot nearby, but he drove away in a brown Lincoln.
 He yelled to officers it was a landlord-tenant dispute.
 The department is looking into the possibility the report was false. "I think we have to talk to him first," Goss said. "There's a lot

more to this."
 A license plate check found the Lincoln was registered to Farmington Hills woman, who had rented a home from Durrah. Contacted later, the Farmington Hills woman said the people in the car were using it to help her move.
 Durrah denies knowing anyone in the car.
 Officers had initially responded to a call about an argument at Burger King. Witnesses said a brown Lincoln was blocking a gold Mercedes in the parking lot.
 Both cars had left by the time police arrived.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

FIRE
 Farmington Hills firefighters responded to a fire at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus at 7:23 p.m. on April 28. An employee had used a grinder to cut through sheet metal duct work. The insulation had caught fire and filled a three story classroom building with smoke. Students had been evacuated and the fire had been extinguished up arrival of firefighters from station 4.

ARSON
 Farmington Public Safety officers are investigating after re-

sponding to a small fire in a laundry room of a building on South Manor April 28. A rubbish pile was smoldering and a garbage can was on fire. The fire was extinguished. Burn marks were found on carpeting. Also, a manager found a small fire under two lockers in the basement and 25 burned matches.

ARMED ROBBERY
 A woman claiming she needed money for baby food showed a pistol and robbed the Tan Easter on Grand River in Farmington Hills on April 28, getting away with \$172 in cash. The woman is described as white with brown hair and in her 20s. She was wearing a red long sleeve shirt and jeans at the time of the robbery.

BAD CHECK
 A check from Homefront Publishing Corp. for \$2,420.63 cashed by the Metrobank on Grand River in Farmington Hills had been written from a closed account. Police are seeking a 29-year-old Livonia man, apparently wrote the check.

BREAK-INS
 A \$500 CD changer, \$200 speakers and 11 new CDs worth \$164 were stolen from a 1986 gray Mazda parked on Livingston Circle in Farmington Hills between April 26-17. The passenger side window was broken causing \$160 in damage.
 The front door was pried open causing \$700 in damage at a residence on Kendallwood in Farmington Hills between April 26-27. Items worth \$100 were stolen.

A 386 computer worth \$1,500, a monitor and keyboard worth \$1,100, a monitor and keyboard worth \$1,632, a color TV worth \$160 and a microwave oven worth \$100 were reported missing after a burglary April 28 at DBA Limited in Farmington.

THEFTS
 Hub caps worth \$160 and fog lights worth \$200 were stolen from a 1991 Ford Mustang parked in an alley behind Mr. Sports on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills on April 26.
 A cellular phone worth \$650 and speakers worth \$250 were stolen from the Julian Veterinary Clinic on Grand River in Farmington Hills on April 28.
 A car phone worth \$300, CDs worth \$100, a baseball glove worth \$70 and a baseball bat worth \$20 were stolen from a 1993 Olds 98 parked on Owenwood in Farmington Hills between April 28-29.

PROSTITUTION
 Farmington Hills Police arrested a 41-year-old South Lyon woman for prostitution on April 28 at the Motel 6 on 10 Mile at 12:45 a.m. The manager had told police that there were several male visitors and that the woman made many local calls. The woman

advertised in a local newspaper.

RECOVERED AUTO
 A 1983 blue Pontiac 6000 worth \$15,000 was found by Police on April 23 on Gill in Farmington Hills with a broken steering column and impounded.

FRAUD
 Two loss prevention workers at the Kroger store on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills confronted a Detroit woman on April 28 after she and an 8-year-old girl who was with her were seen through two-way glass taking \$181.71 in drugs and other items from the store without paying. The woman scratched the two workers and was handcuffed to a Dumpster when Farmington Hills Police arrived.

A former employee of the Metropolitan National Bank on Grand River in Farmington Hills is suspected of transferring \$3,000 from the bank into her personal account between March 9-10.

VANDALISM
 A doorwall at a residence on Ravenscroft in Farmington Hills was shattered causing \$250 in damage between April 27-28.

A 25-year-old woman drove off in a 1986 blue Mazda 626 after breaking a stained glass pane at Matt Brady's on 10 Mile in Farmington Hills on April 29 causing \$150 in damage.

A rock was thrown through the window of a 1989 red Ford Escort parked at Botofer Hospital on Grand River in Farmington Hills causing \$200 in damage.

CLARIFICATION

An April 29 article on home rule should have said that a recent bill on pesticides, which would pre-empt local control, passed in the House, but will now face state Senate scrutiny.
 The bill is in the Senate Gov-

ernment Affairs Committee, chaired by Rep. Dave Honigman, R-West Bloomfield.

State Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, backed home rule, but was in the minority.

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