POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

■ AUTO THEFT
A blue 1993 Ford Explorer worth $25,000 was stolen from the Comfort Inn on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills Feb. 7-8.

A black 1990 Pontiac Bonneville was stolen from Mulligan's Pub on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills Feb. 8.

A black 1989 Pontiac Bonneville worth $10,000 was stolen from the Country Lanes bowling center on Nine Mile in Farmington Hills Feb. 9.

A black 1990 Eagle Talon worth $8,000 was towed from Southfield to Bob Saks on Grand River in Farmington Hills for repairs Nov. 2, 1993, and left there for storage until its owner could decide what to do about repairing it. When he called the dealership Jan. 12, the car was gone and there was no record of it being at the dealership or of a tow by the wrecker company.

■ THEFT
A Zenith 286 lap-top computer worth $2,200 was stolen from Thermo Disc on Haggerty in Farmington Hills Feb. 4-7.

A $900 Motorola portable telephone was stolen from a room at the Clarion Inn on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills Jan. 26.

A tool box with hand tools ($300) was stolen from a garage on Bannockburn in Farmington Hills between Jan. 31 and Feb. 8.

A $200 Red Max blower and a $175 Tanaka hedge trimmer were stolen from a residence on Parkhill in Farmington Hills between Jan. 25 and Feb. 10.

A Farmington resident reported a woman's purse containing $150 cash and various credit cards was missing at A&P in Farmington Feb. 9.

■ FRAUD
A 68-year-old Farmington Hills woman paid a 30-year-old Detroit man a $500 deposit for furnace installation Jan. 31 that was supposed to be done Feb. 7. The man, who had installed her son's furnace, never showed up and could not be reached by phone.

■ POSSIBLE NEGLECT
Farmington Hills police responded to a call that a 7-year-old boy living at the Muirwood Apartments on Edgston in Farmington Hills had been left alone at home Feb. 9. They arrived to find the boy alone after his mother had gone to the airport. The heat was on and food was accessible. The boy's mother arrived while police were there and said it was an unusual circumstance.

■ INDECENT EXPOSURE
A 30-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for indecent exposure after an incident near A&P in Farmington Feb. 9. A woman told police a man in a 1983 Ford Thunderbird stopped in front of the store and motioned for her. When she approached the vehicle, she noticed he wasn't wearing pants or underwear. She phoned police with the license plate number. When questioned later, the man admitted he had urinated in front of the store and said his pants may have still been down.

■ FIRES
Farmington Hills firefighters from Station 3 put out a car fire in the passenger seat area in a 1992 Pontiac on Elm Grove in Farmington Hills at 5:30 a.m. Feb. 10. The car had been stolen. Damage to the car was estimated at $1,000.

Firefighters from Station 1 put out an engine fire in a 1982 AMC Concord parked in a driveway on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills at 1:22 a.m. Feb. 2. The owner had just replaced a valve to stop an oil leak before driving the car home. The car was a total loss, estimated at $500.

Firefighters from Station 3 investigated a gas leak at a residence on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills and found a gas line had been pinched behind a stove at 12:49 p.m. Feb. 2. The house was ventilated, and the owner was advised to have the line replaced.

Firefighters from Station 1 put out an engine fire in a 1991 Ford Escort parked on Creatview Court in Farmington Hills at 7:51 a.m. Feb. 8. Damage to the car was estimated at $1,800.

A faulty gas shut-off valve caused a leak at the Piemontese Club on Nine Mile that firefighters from Station 1 discovered at 6 a.m. Feb. 2. They shut off the gas.

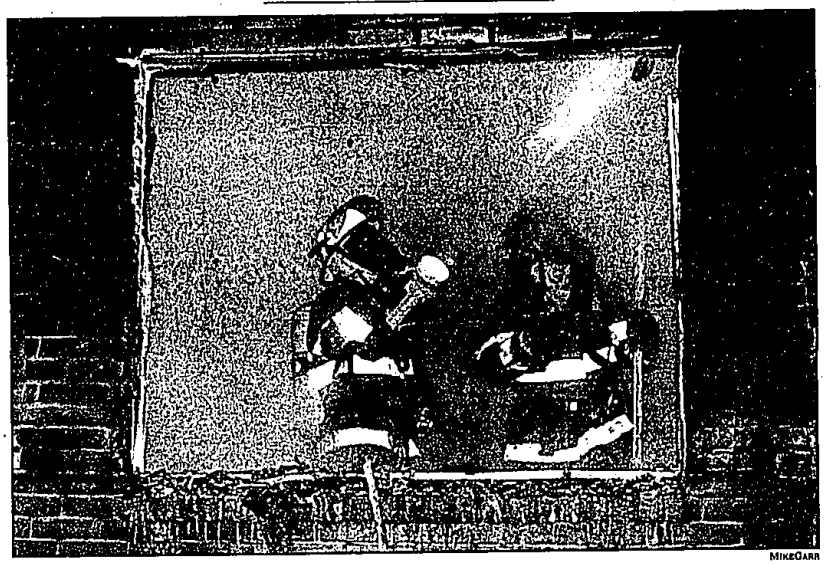
An engine fire in a 1986 Chevy Cavalier caused $800 in damage Feb. 6. The car, parked at the Green Hill Apartments caught fire at about 4:35 a.m. A set of jumper cables had been left in the engine compartment. One jumper cable touched the metal of the air cleaner and the positive post of the battery.

A faulty built-in oven caught fire at a house on Franklin Fairway in Farmington Hills recently. The homeowner put it out with a chemical extinguisher by the time firefighters from Station 2 arrived. Damage was estimated at $300.

■ BAD CHECKS
Checks totaling $862.34 written by an 18-year-old Detroit woman to pay for merchandise at the Kmart on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills between June 26, 1993, and Jan. 11, 1994, came back because of insufficient funds.

■ SHOPLIFTING
A shoplifter got cold feet when confronted by store security and returned the merchandise before fleeing in an incident at T.J. Maxx in Farmington Feb. 7. The woman was seen placing a smaller purse into a larger purse and then wearing the latter outside the store. The woman, who is black and was wearing a leather coat, ran west on Orchard Street and fled in a blue Ford Tempo.

Hills firefighters battle blaze



MIKE GARR

Apartment fire: *Two Farmington Hills firefighters survey the damage from an early morning fire Friday at the Independence Green Apartments on Jefferson Court in Farmington Hills. When firefighters arrived at 4:20 a.m. Friday, flames were coming out of a second-floor window of one of the apartments. Firefighters from stations 1 and 4 battled the blaze which gutted one apartment and damaged six altogether. Two of them were vacant, but four families were displaced by the fire, which did not injure anyone but caused at least $35,000 in damage. "It's one of the oldest apartment complexes in the city," said Lt. Mike Garr of the Hills department. The fire started in a bedroom, but the cause is still under investigation, Garr said.*

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