

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

**VANDALISM**  
Eight outside lights were smashed at the North Valley Office complex on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills July 25-26, causing \$1,600 in damage.

Two double-pane glass windows at Mats and Rubin on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills were broken (\$1,000) July 27-28.

A basketball court at Longacre Elementary in Farmington was spray painted, causing \$25 in damage.

**AUTO THEFT**  
A \$19,000 red 1994 Dodge Caravan, a green and silver 1994 Dodge Caravan (\$25,000) and a black 1994 Dodge Caravan (\$25,000) were stolen from Botsford General Hospital on Grand River in Farmington Hills July 26.

A 1993 dark green Dodge Caravan (\$25,000) and a red 1991 Dodge Shadow (\$10,000) were stolen from Vladimir's on Grand River in Farmington Hills July 26.

A black 1993 Pontiac Bonneville (\$15,000) with a 19-inch color TV (\$200) and a 13-inch color TV (\$100) were stolen from the Cordoba Apartments on Cordoba in Farmington Hills July 26-27. A blue 1993 Ford Ranger pick-

up (\$10,000) was stolen from the Cordoba Apartments on Cordoba in Farmington Hills July 27.

**THEFT**  
A Dell computer worth \$500 was stolen from Viable Information Alternatives on Country Club in Farmington Hills July 25-26.

Golf clubs (\$1,300), a pager (\$100) and a golf bag (\$140) were stolen from the Glen Oaks Country Club on 13 Mile in Farmington Hills July 27.

A \$350 woman's black leather Gucci purse with a wallet (\$20), garage door opener and gate opener was stolen from a red 1990 BMW parked on Deer Run in Farmington Hills July 26-27.

A wallet (\$45), VHS camcorder (\$1,100), Canon 35 mm camera

(\$750), and women's shoes (\$180) were among items stolen from an army green 1993 Chrysler Towns and Country station wagon parked on Walnut Lane in Farmington Hills July 26-27.

A \$200 car phone was stolen from a 1994 Lincoln parked on Tanglewood in Farmington Hills July 26-27.

An Alpha-Numeric pager (\$200), ATT pager (\$150) and other items were stolen from a residence on Windwood in Farmington Hills July 27.

A jewelry box with jewelry (\$10,000) was stolen from a residence at the Diamond Forest Apartments on Halsted in Farmington Hills July 27-28.

A BMX bike (\$50) was stolen from the rear of A&W Restaurant

in Crossroads Plaza in Farmington Hills July 27.

**BREAK-INS**

A screen was kicked in causing \$25 in damage at a residence on Randall in Farmington Hills and a VCR, jewelry and coins worth \$2,225 were stolen July 26.

The front door of a residence at the Woodhous Apartments on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills was kicked open and \$550 in cash was stolen July 25.

A door was kicked in (\$200) at a residence on Barfield in Farmington Hills and jewelry and cash (\$5,000) was stolen July 26.

The driver's window of a red 1992 Saturn parked at the Buggy Works on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills was broken out

(\$250) and a Novatel cellular phone (\$250) was stolen July 26. An AM/FM cassette stereo (\$250), 25 cassettes (\$150) and a brief case (\$100) containing a \$100 set of digital callipers were stolen from a dark blue 1990 Chevy Lumina at the Twelfth Estate condos on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills after the door lock and dash had been damaged (\$500) July 26-27.

The driver's door lock was punched (\$300) on a gray 1994 Chevy Cavalier parked at the Cordoba Apartments on Cordoba in Farmington Hills and a \$300 AM/FM stereo cassette was stolen July 26-27.

Farmington Hills police arrested two juveniles for breaking into the Delta Office Building on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills July 28. A window, pop machine, snack machine, monitor and ceiling tiles were damaged (\$3,680) and \$1,723.75 in computer equipment was stolen July 28.

A skylight, roof hatch and windows were damaged (\$500) at Delta Engineering on Interchange in Farmington Hills and \$40,000 in computer equipment was stolen July 27-28.

A gun ball machine was stolen from Auto Lab on Grand River in Farmington Hills July 27-28 after windows were broken (\$400).

**DOMESTIC ASSAULT**

A 69-year-old Farmington woman said she was assaulted by her son, 41, after she showed him a court order evicting him from her home July 27. The woman had bruises on her wrists and appeared shaken. She told police he had been drinking for several days and became upset when shown the notice. She held up a tape recorder and said she was recording what he was saying. He tried to wrestle the recorder away from her. Farmington police arrested the man, who was charged with domestic assault and battery.


**FIRE**

Farmington Hills firefighters from Station 3 put out a fire in a 1988 Chevy van at 6:02 a.m. July 28. The van was at Middlebelt north of Eight Mile in Farmington Hills when the fire started in the area of the alternator. After putting out the fire, firefighters discovered the alternator wires were burned. Damage to the van was \$200 and damage to contents was \$50.

**FRAUD**


A cashier's check for \$5,700 that was used to pay for furniture bought from a resident on Geraldine in Farmington Hills July 13 came back as fraudulent July 28.

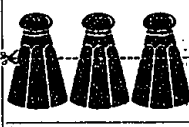
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