

Weapons found in Hills locker

The weapons were easy to store, but not too tough to find for Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents.

The agents arrested John Howland Lindsey, 43, of Northville for violating federal firearms laws. Lindsey was arrested by Detroit ATF agents Thursday for possession of 11 assault-type weapons. The agents then obtained a search warrant and found more than 75 assault-type weapons and handguns in a locker at the EZ

Mini Storage on Sinicola Court in Farmington Hills.

"We don't know what's in there," said an EZ employee who asked not to be identified.

Lindsey, on probation for a prior conviction, is also under indictment for federal firearms charges in Cleveland, Ohio. He is a former federal firearms licensee, who did business as J.V. and Associates.

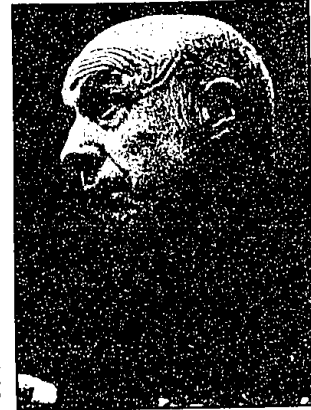
His license was revoked by the bureau in July of 1994 as a result of his previous felony conviction.

It is against federal law for a convicted felon to possess, transport, ship or receive firearms; the penalty being up to 10 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$250,000.

Lindsey was arraigned before Judge Paul J. Komives in U.S. District Court Thursday. He is in the custody of federal marshals after a detention hearing before Judge Virginia Morgan Friday. He will have a bond hearing on Nov. 9.



Anita Tucker



William Shortt

Handicap parking case ends in \$500 fine, no jail

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A handicap violation that would have resulted in a \$100 ticket, ended up as more than \$500 in fines for a Farmington Hills woman — but a Hills police officer and handicap enforcement volunteer think it should have been more.

Don't get them wrong. Officer Mike Ciaramitaro and handicap enforcement volunteer Bill Shortt don't think the fine should have been stiffer. They do think that Anita Laese Tucker, who was convicted of malicious destruction of police property and felonious assault, should have spent some time in jail for those crimes.

"I recommended that she spend at least some time in jail so that it would impress upon her the seriousness of the situation," said Ciaramitaro.

The whole thing began as what could be described as a routine handicap parking violation.

Shortt and his partner Stanley Leeman had seen Tucker's Ford

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Officer Mike Ciaramitaro

Festiva in a handicap parking spot at a bank on Orchard Lake at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 26. As Shortt wrote a ticket while standing behind the car, which did not have a handicapped parking permit, Tucker came out from the bank and said she would move it.

But because the police car Leeman and Shortt were using was parked behind her, she could not back out without hitting the car. She did, and in the process, she hit Shortt. She then drove forward onto the bank's yard and out of the lot.

Shortt was not seriously injured, but he did have the Festiva's plate number and contacted Farmington Hills police. At about 5 p.m., Ciaramitaro and officer John Phlegorah, along with a wrecker from Hadley's Towing, went to the Botaford Terrace Apartments, where Tucker lived, to impound the Festiva. Tucker saw the officers, ran out to her car and locked herself in.

After efforts by Ciaramitaro to get Tucker out of her car failed, the woman drove away and the officers pursued, arresting her a few minutes later after a struggle while her car was stopped in traffic on Grand River.

She pleaded no contest to the charges, which could have brought up to four years in prison. Instead, Tucker, who had no prior record, was given the choice of either serving 90 days in jail or paying \$500 in costs and \$40 to the victim's rights fund. She chose the latter.

And that \$100 handicapped ticket? It still on the books.

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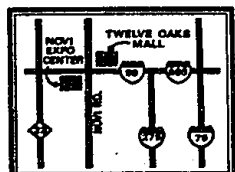
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POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

THEFT
A duffel bag and \$500 in CDs were stolen from an apartment at the Cedar Brook Apartments on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills Oct. 25 and 350 CDs worth \$3,000 were stolen from another apartment at the complex the same day.

A \$350 Eagle Skin purse with \$70 in cash, \$150 in Hudson's gift certificates, credit cards and identification was stolen from Century 21 on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Oct. 24.

A .454-caliber five-shot revolver (\$1,000) and an \$80 Spalding NBA basketball were stolen from a 1990 Cadillac parked at Friedman, Lan and Kaplan PC on Northwestern in Farmington Hills Oct. 25.

Jewelry (\$1,000) was stolen from a residence at the Cedar Brook Apartments on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills Oct. 25. A \$125 20-inch RCA Color Trac TV, \$150 Hitachi VCR and two speakers (\$200) were stolen from a residence at the Mulwood Apartments on Ravin in Farmington Hills Oct. 26.

A \$250 in-dash car stereo was stolen from a white 1993 Pontiac Grand Am parked at Klancy's on Grand River in Farmington Hills Oct. 26. Jewelry worth more than \$7,000 was stolen from a residence on Barwell in Farmington Hills Oct. 26-27.

Jewelry (\$6,000) was stolen from a residence at the Village Oaks Apartments on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Oct. 27.

A \$50 leather purse \$14.50 in cash, a 35mm Minolta camera (\$140) and \$200 prescription sunglasses were stolen from the Target store on Grand River Oct. 28.

DRUNKEN DRIVING
Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills man, 23, for driving while intoxicated on Oct. 25 while he was driving a red 1982 Pontiac Firebird south on Farmington north of Harlan. The car jumped a curb and then veered as officers

followed. The man had a blood alcohol level of .17 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Milford man, 25, for driving while intoxicated at the intersection of Grand River and Eight Mile in Farmington Hills at 5:23 a.m. Oct. 27. The man's black 1983 Buick Regal and a white Plymouth Acclaim were involved in a collision at the intersection. The man refused to take a alcohol level test.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills man, 45, as he was attempting to drive away from Pizza Papalis on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills at 9:48 a.m. Oct. 27 in a blue 1984 Camaro. The man had a blood alcohol level of .23 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills man, 42, for drunken driving on westbound M-5 between Grand River and Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Oct. 28. The man was driving a white 1988 Plymouth Caravel between 55 and 60 mph and was weaving at the time. He had a blood alcohol level of .21 percent.

Farmington police arrested a Southfield man, 45, for drunken driving on Grand River and Whitaker in Farmington Oct. 28. The man had an initial blood alcohol level of .15 percent. He refused to take a second test.

Farmington police arrested a Redford woman, 21, for drunken driving on Grand River and Drake in Farmington Oct. 26. She had a blood alcohol level of .21 percent.

BREAK-INS

A break-in attempt at Top Value Muffler on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills caused \$400 damage to a widow Oct. 25. A witness told police that a red older model Pontiac Grand Am had been parked next to the building and sped away on Nine Mile just before police arrived.

The front door of a residence on Stockton in Farmington Hills was broken (\$200) and \$5,000 in jewelry, a \$2,000 Sony stereo system, \$600 lap-top computer, \$1,000 all-terrain service and \$300 VCR were

stolen Oct. 26.

A \$500 19-inch Zenith color TV was stolen from a residence at the Sunset Trailer Park on Grand River after a side door had been pried open (\$500) Oct. 22-26.

A TV, stereo equipment and jewelry (\$7,476) was stolen from a residence at the Windemere Apartments on Jefferson in Farmington Hills Oct. 22-27 after the front door was pried open (\$20).

The front door of an apartment at the Village Oaks Apartments on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills was pried open (\$20) and \$5,680 in jewelry was stolen Oct. 27.

VANDALISM

The side passenger window of a white 1994 Chrysler station wagon parked at the Perry Drugs store on 14 Mile in Farmington Hills was broken causing \$250 in damage Oct. 25.

The passenger side of a blue 1994 Geo parked at the Polo Club Apartments on Polo Club in Farmington Hills was scratched (\$600) Oct. 26-27.

The rear tires were slashed on a 1984 GMC Suburban parked in the Kmart lot on Grand River in Farmington Oct. 27, causing \$100 damage.

AUTO THEFT

A \$20,000 red 1994 Ford Mustang was stolen from Drakeshire Lanes on Grand River in Farmington Hills Oct. 26.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY

A Plymouth man, 24, was arrested and ticketed for assault and battery after a Farmington woman, 25, said he punched her in the face in an incident on Laurelwood in Farmington Oct. 27.

SHOPLIFTING

A Farmington man, 32, was stopped by Farmington police after he left with a tape from Panorama video on Grand River in Farmington Oct. 26. A witness saw the man leave the adult video section and exit, setting off an alarm. The man ran north on the sidewalk, throwing the tape in a garbage can. The tape was returned.