

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

THEFTS Speakers and an amplifier worth \$525 were stolen from a white 1992 Suzuki Sidekick parked at Bob Saka on Grand River in Farmington Hills April 3-18.

A \$550 woman's purse with \$200 in cash, identification, credit cards and \$160 in makeup was stolen from a residence on Kenloch in Farmington Hills April 14-15.

A \$1,000 Compaq computer and \$300 keypad, \$500 Okidata printer and \$300 AST monitor were stolen from a residence at the Country Ridge Apartments on Crest Forest in Farmington Hills April 18-19.

Three hubcaps (\$198) were stolen from a 1994 Chevy Caprice parked at Big Boy restaurant on Farmington Road April 20.

Two hubcaps (\$100) were stolen from a 1994 Toyota Corolla parked on Farmington Road April 19.

A hubcap (\$75) was stolen from a Ford Crown Victoria in Farmington April 19.

A \$200 tape carrier, 99 cassettes (\$100), a \$150 garment bag, two uniforms (\$200) and a telephone (\$25) were stolen from a black 1990 Honda Civic parked at the Green Hill Apartments on Green Hill in Farmington Hills.

A \$130 Nintendo game with 19 cartridges (\$250) and \$375 in cash were stolen from a room at the

Travelodge on Haggerty in Farmington Hills April 20.

BREAKINS The glass in a frame door at a building on Waldron in Farmington Hills was broken, causing \$35 in damage April 18. A \$1,700 Honda power washer, \$500 Duran brick cleaner, \$300 tool box, \$40 telephone, \$230 computer, three suits worth \$1,100, \$200 in cash, a \$285 gold chain, \$400 watch, \$3,300 lady's diamond ring and other items were stolen.

A black purse (\$30) with \$200 in cash was stolen from a green Ford parked on South Hampton in Farmington Hills April 16. The driver's window was smashed (\$200) on a white 1994 Ford Taurus parked on Hills Tech in Farmington Hills, and a \$600 music system was stolen April 18-19.

Three aluminum window frame was pried open (\$200) and the drawers of a wooden desk were pried open (\$150) at the beauty shop at the Grand River Village on Grand River in Farmington Hills April 19-20, and the office was ransacked.

A Farmington Hills man, 44, returned to his Karen Court residence at 10 a.m. April 20 and heard noises in the family room in the rear. He saw a man he recognized on the porch and chased him away.

The driver's window was shattered (\$100) on a 1995 Chrysler Towncar parked at Country Lanes on Nine Mile April 20 and a \$250 Goldstar VCR, a \$200 Nokia cellular phone, and a Mag-

navox TV were stolen.

VANDALISM Ties in driveway and damage to a padlock at the Wayne State building on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills amounted to \$2,000 April 18-19.

ASSAULTS A Farmington Hills man, 20, told Hills police that another Hills man, 25, punched him while he was sitting in his car in the lot of Loz, Stock and Barrel on Grand River in Farmington Hills April 17. The two had been arguing over a woman, according to the police report.

A Farmington Hills woman, 31, was parking her car in her driveway on Springbrook when two young men almost drove into her car. An argument ensued and one of the men threatened to beat up the woman, who was with her three children. Her husband heard the argument from inside their home, came out and began to fight the teens. Police arrested the two teens, one a Hills man, 17, for felonious assault with a motor vehicle.

AUTO THEFTS A red 1995 Ford Taurus worth \$22,000 was stolen from the Green Hill Apartments on Green Hill in Farmington Hills April 19.

A red 1987 Chevy Camaro worth \$5,000 was stolen from outside the Pony Express Saloon on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills April 19-20.

A \$23,400 green 1995 Toyota

Camry was stolen from Bob Saka Toyota on Grand River in Farmington Hills April 16-20.

DRUNKEN DRIVING Farmington police arrested a Livonia man, 27, for drunken driving on Farmington Road near Nine Mile April 19. Police stopped the 1994 Dodge Ram for drifting. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .12 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Beaverton man, 37, for drunken driving at 1:10 a.m. April 21 in the lot of the Novi Hilton after following a 1995 green Thunderbird that was traveling west on Eight Mile from Farmington Road and was weaving. The man had a blood alcohol level of .12 percent.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Farmington man, 45, for drunken driving at 2 a.m. April 21 on westbound Eight Mile at Middlebelt. The green 1995 Jeep Cherokee he was driving was weaving. The man refused to take a breath test.

DRUGS Farmington Hills police arrested a Pontiac man, 31, for possession of 7 grams of marijuana April 20. The man was in a parked 1979 Ford F-150 pickup at the Pony Express Saloon on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Detroit woman, 29, at 2:30 a.m. April 21 on northbound Inkster near Eight Mile. Officers found a small amount of crack cocaine.

VALERIA GORTELYOU Mrs. Gortelyou, 92, of Detroit died April 17. Born in Robinson, Ill., Mrs. Gortelyou was a teacher. Surviving is her nephew Robert Bowen, formerly of Farmington. Services were private in Livonia. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

DANIEL J. DILWORTH Mr. Dilworth, 76, of Farmington Hills died April 18 in Providence Hospital, Southfield. Born in Detroit, Mr. Dilworth was retired from Ford Motor Company. He was a member of Monaghan Knights of Columbus, Walsh Division, past chairman of St. Patrick's Day Parade and was a staunch Notre Dame fan. Mr. Dilworth was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; daughters, Catherine Bourdon and Joseph Gass; brother, Thomas; sisters, Joan Nagle and Mary Cawley; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mass was celebrated April 21 in St. Gerald Catholic Church. Arrangements were made by the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

NANCY WILDER Miss Wilder, 38, of Farmington Hills died April 18 in Detroit Receiving Hospital. Born in Detroit, Miss Wilder was a dietary assistant in a nursing home. Survivors include her parents, Robert and Joan Wilder; sister, Mary Jo Clark; brothers, John, Michael and Tom. Mass was celebrated April 21 in St. Alexander Catholic Church with the Rev. James Wright officiating. Memorials may be made to St. Alexander Food Cupboard or De-

troit Receiving Hospital Burn Unit. Arrangements were made by the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

DORIS WESTON Mrs. Weston, 69, of Whitmore Lake, formerly of Farmington, died April 19. Born in Detroit, Mrs. Weston was retired from the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers in the advertising department. Her interests included Bridge, cooking and traveling. Survivors include her husband, John; son, John; daughters, Ann Szymanski and Julie Vitta; sister, Mildred Watson; five grandchildren.

Services were April 22 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Arthur Spafford of First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. Memorials may be made to Arthur Hospital, 3810 Packard Road, Ste. 200, Ann Arbor 48108.

PAUL RILEY Mr. Riley, 82, of Farmington Hills died April 19 in Charter House of Novi. Born in Princeton, Kentucky, Mr. Riley owned the R & H Lincoln Mercury Dealership in Plymouth in the 60's and 60's and two other Olds and a Lincoln Mercury Dealership in the 60's and 70's in Monroe. He then became a commercial real estate broker in the Detroit Area for Dave Groner, Inc. He retired in 1989. Mr. Riley was a member of Farmington Shrines Lodge, F&AM 151, and V.F.W. Farmington Post. He was a World War II Army veteran. Survivors include his wife, Katherine; son, Thomas; daughters, Dolores Kish and Lorane Mack; brother, Eldon; sister, Irene Thompson; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Injured driver likely to face charges in fatal crash

The driver Farmington Hills police believe is responsible for a fatal crash on Northwestern Highway and Middlebelt April 3 is still recovering from her injuries.

Elenore Marie Young, 39, of

Grand Blanc was released from Botford General Hospital in Farmington Hills April 11 and is now in a hospital in Flint.

The woman was driving a Mercury Sable west on Northwestern when it collided with a Ford Taurus station wagon headed

south on Middlebelt at 5:40 a.m. The driver of the Ford, Jeffrey Barrow, 50, of West Bloomfield, died as a result of the accident.

Hills police are still awaiting blood results from the Michigan State Police Crime Lab that will

determine if Young was under the influence of alcohol. Young has three previous convictions involving alcohol and driving, Hills police said.

Charges against Young are pending further investigation and lab results.

Accidental shooting of 8-year-old chills neighborhood

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Children will play, and when they play with guns, children will die.

That lesson won't save Daniel Carter, 8, who was accidentally shot to death Wednesday while playing with a 10-year-old neighborhood friend who had been left home alone, with a .22-caliber rifle in the house.

But Daniel's 31-year-old mother, Kelly Titus, is pleading for parents to learn from the nighttime tragedy that occurred at 34238 Dayton Court in Westland, where Daniel had been told not to play.

"Don't leave your babies alone," Titus said, tears rolling down her cheeks as she sat at the kitchen table of her best friend's house. "If you've got to have a

gun, lock it up and take the key." The two boys and a third neighborhood child had been playing with toy guns inside the house when the 10-year-old, whose mother was working, brought out the rifle. Police would only say that the gun belonged to a relative.

"It was a stupid accident," Titus said. "He just aimed the gun at Daniel, not realizing there was a bullet in it."

Titus had been watching television coverage of the bombed federal building in Oklahoma City when a neighborhood child ran to her Caspian Court residence to deliver news about her personal tragedy.

She ran to her son, who had no

heartbeat after being shot in the chest. He was sitting on a living room couch when the gun was fired, she said.

The other boys in the house had already called 911, and Daniel was rushed to nearby Annapolis Hospital before being airlifted to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

His heart began beating again at one point, his mother said, but he died around 3 p.m., three hours after being shot. The Wayne County prosecutor's office is reviewing the case to determine possible criminal charges.

"I'm still numb," Titus said Thursday. "Daniel was my whole life."

She also has an 11-year-old

son, Robert, who is Daniel's half-brother. But Robert lives with other relatives.

While talking Thursday afternoon with the Observer, Titus received a telephone call from Daniel's distraught father, who is serving time in an Adrian prison for robbery, assault and drug charges, a prison official said.

"I'm so sorry," Titus kept repeating while on the phone with Sanders "Pot" Carter.

"You just have to cry until you can't cry anymore," she told him, sobbing. "Daniel's in heaven now, and you've got to remember that.

We will be seeing him again one day.

"It's OK," she said, trying to reassure the father. "Daniel's in a better place."

After services were held Saturday at Fred Wood Funeral Home in Livonia, Titus planned to have her son's body cremated.

"I want to bring him home," she said. Although Titus, an Ameritech employee, lived in a low-income neighborhood, she managed to keep her second-grade son enrolled at Plymouth Christian Academy, a private school in Can-

ton Township.

"He loved his school so much," she said, a sentiment echoed by school headmaster Gordon Nickel.

"Daniel was having a real positive experience" here. He loved school," Nickel said.

Titus has established a memorial fund in Daniel's name at a Comerica bank branch in Canton Township. A Comerica spokeswoman confirmed the special fund, but said checks should be sent to Titus at 34135 Caspian, Westland 48185.

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