

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

BREAK-INS Six red Dodge vans belonging to Cameron the Sandman, a business that refinishes wood floors, on Robinson in Farmington Hills were broken into Dec. 4-5. The vent windows were broken (\$600) and the two Motorola radios (\$6,000) were stolen.

The side door lock was pried and the front door damaged (\$500) and \$2,900 in jewelry. \$4,500 in cash, a \$750 video camera and \$14,265 in other items were stolen from a residence on Edmonton in Farmington Hills Dec. 6. The driver's side and rear windows were broken (\$800) on a white 1993 Jeep Wrangler at Bob Saks on Grand River in Farmington Hills and the \$150 AM/FM stereo was stolen Dec. 6-7.

The driver's window was broken on a green 1995 Toyota Camry parked at Amazing Savings on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills and a \$1,500 cellular phone was stolen Dec. 7.

VANDALISM The windshield, head lamps and mirrors of a yellow 1987 GMC van were broken and the turn lever and stick shift were taken causing \$1,000 in damage at D.W. Plasticraft on Shiloh in Farmington Hills Dec. 4-5.

EMBEZZLEMENT Farmington Hills police arrested a Newport man, 34, and a Livonia man, 31, for allegedly taking \$5,000 worth of aluminum from Marketing Display International on 12 Mile Dec. 5. Officers reported seeing the men loading pallets of aluminum onto a yellow international rental truck.

FIRES Farmington Hills firefighters from Stations 2 and 4 put out a fire in the attic of a Briarcrest Court house at 5:07 a.m. Dec. 6.

The fire was caused by an electrical overload. Damage to the house was \$40,000 and damage to its contents was \$20,000. Farmington Hills firefighters from Stations 2 and 3 put out a small fire in a closet at a residence on Colgate at 2:11 p.m. Dec. 6. Firefighters found burnt matches, which they believe started the fire. There was \$5,000 in damage to the house and \$5,000 in damage to contents. While watching TV, one of the occupants noticed smoke coming from the front bedroom and evacuated her children.

THEFT A 10-by-40-foot metal drop box with scrap metal worth a total of \$1,500 was stolen from 4-M, Inc. on Hathaway in Farmington Hills Dec. 2-4.

A \$16,000 Bell laptop computer was stolen from CSC Health Systems on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills between Oct. 12 and Nov. 7. White vinyl siding and aluminum channels (\$1,300) were stolen from a new building under construction for B.B. Wolf, Inc. at

Nine Mills and Tuck in Farmington Hills Dec. 6-7. Hockey equipment (\$378.38) was stolen from a garage on Heathstone in Farmington Hills Nov. 28-29. Thirty two wheels and tires (\$2,488) were stolen from 1996 Dodge Dakota at Bob Saks on Grand River in Farmington Hills between Nov. 1 and Dec. 7.

AUTO THEFT A \$10,500 black Ford Mustang was stolen from Bob Saks on Grand River in Farmington Hills Dec. 6. A \$24,000 black 1995 Jeep Cherokee was stolen from Buddy's Pizza on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills Dec. 6.

CHILD NEGLECT A staff person at the Farmington Hills library branch on 12 Mile reported that a Detroit woman who worked nearby was leaving her two young children at the library from 2:30-7 p.m. on some days for the past three months. The children would sometimes become disruptive and told the staff that if they were kicked out, they had been told by their mother to stay in her car.

DRUNKEN DRIVING Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills man, 58, for alleged drunken driving after officers spotted him in a blue 1988 Olds 98 south on Middlebelt south of Greenwood Dec. 6. The car had been in an accident, police said. The man reportedly had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive in Michigan.

Farmington Hills police arrested a West Bloomfield man, 43, for driving a black 1993 Pontiac Grand Prix north on Orchard Lake at 14 Mile Dec. 6 while allegedly drunk. The car was weaving and the man had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent, police said.

Farmington Hills police said they arrested a Detroit man, 52, for drunken driving near the Ram's Horn restaurant on Orchard Lake at 9:15 p.m. Dec. 7. The man, who had driven a blue 1992 Ford Escort into a ditch, received a blood alcohol level of .22 percent, officers reported. Farmington Hills police arrested a Farmington woman, 40, for alleged drunken driving at 8:16

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UPDATE ON Gynecology & Obstetrics THE IMPORTANCE OF A PAP SMEAR. Thanks to a test known as the Pap smear, developed by Dr. George Papanicolaou and introduced in the 1940s, the overall rate of cervical cancer dropped by about forty percent between 1975 and 1991. This test detects from 90 to 95 percent of cervical cancers and precancerous conditions at an early stage when they are treatable. Otherwise, cervical cancer is an insidious, slow-growing disease that is usually symptomless until it is quite advanced. Unfortunately, recent statistics show that the number of young women under the age of 50 who develop cervical cancer is rising. According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 10,000 women of all ages will be diagnosed with cervical cancer this year, of which 5,000 will die. The fact is, however, that cervical cancer could be virtually eliminated as a cause of death if all women were screened regularly. Consult with your physician. While all of us could use a girl Friday to help us keep up, there's no substitute for making an appointment with your gynecologist and requesting a pap smear. It's one of the easiest tests to request and perform, and the most important in terms of the overall health of women. P.S. Various health organizations, including the American Cancer Society, recommend an annual Pap test for women over the age of 18 and for younger females who are sexually active. If it's been over nine months since your last pap smear, call 800-950-0000 to schedule an appointment. My offices are located at 1500 W. 9 Mile Road in Southfield.

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