

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

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

FIRES

In Farmington Hills:
Farmington Hills firefighters from Stations 2 and 4 put out a small garage fire on Berryhill at 10:48 a.m. Dec. 26. Firefighters removed two vehicles from the garage, but a 1997 Plymouth Voyager was seriously damaged. Ashes had been put in the garage from a fireplace the previous day. Smoke became heavy inside the house, activating smoke detectors. Damage to the garage and house was estimated at \$15,000. Damage to contents was \$20,000.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

Farmington Hills firefighters made 102 runs for the week of Dec. 23-29 including 59 medical emergencies (58 percent), nine rescues and four fires.

THEFT

In Farmington Hills:
Four Goodyear Wrangler tires worth \$1,500, and four Firestone tires worth \$1,500 along with four wheel covers and a wrench were stolen from Tom Holzer Ford on 10 Mile Dec. 23-26.
A \$318 GE 25-inch TV was stolen from American House on Middlebelt Dec. 25.
A \$1,000 Gateway computer was stolen from CSC Health Care Systems on 12 Mile between Oct. 14 and Dec. 17.
A \$2,400 Dell lap-top computer was stolen from Beaver Distributors on Drake Dec. 24-27.

A \$1,500 stereo system was stolen from a black 1989 Ford Aerostar in a driveway on Rhonswood Dec. 27-28.
A \$7,550 diamond ring was stolen from a residence on Henthersett Crescent Dec. 20-27.
Lenther jackets and other property (\$3,197) were stolen from five vehicles at the Cadillac Cafe on Grand River Dec. 28-29.
A \$3,200 trailer cement mixer was stolen from property on 10 Mile Dec. 27-28.

FRAUD

In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested a Chicago woman, 62, for credit card fraud at 6:09 p.m. Dec. 28 at Sam's Club on Grand River. The woman had used stolen credit cards to obtain a new picture ID from Sam's and then charged \$672.93 in purchases. In addition to a purse, several credit cards and other identification belonging to someone else, police recovered \$495 in cash that had been stolen.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested a Livonia man, 19, for driving a 1988 Chevy Cavalier east on M-5 at Drake at 2:05 a.m. Dec. 27 while drunk. The car was weaving. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive in Michigan. The passenger in the car, 19, also of Livonia, was ticketed for having open intoxicants in the car.
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cent. The passenger, also 19 of Livonia, was cited for open intoxicants.
Police stopped a black 1979 Buick Park Avenue one westbound 12 Mile at Drake because the car was weaving. The driver, 40, of Cincinnati, Ohio, refused to take a breath test and was charged with drunken driving and had a traffic warrant from Oak Park. The man's passenger, 16, had been missing from home in Cincinnati. He told police she was his girl friend. Police cited him for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Police arrested a Hills woman, 36, for driving a red 1987 Ford on Middlebelt at Astor at 1:25 a.m. Dec. 28 while drunk. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .2 percent.

Police arrested an Iant man, 22, for driving a blue 1989 Buick on Orchard Lake and 11 Mile at 2:15 a.m. Dec. 28 while drunk. The car was tailgating another car. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .1 percent.

Police arrested a Hills woman, 40, for driving a red 1996 Chevy Blazer west on Folsom at Ruth at 3:40 a.m. Dec. 28 while drunk. The Blazer drove through a 6 foot fence and hit a storage shed. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .15 percent.
Police arrested a Cahokia, Ill. man, 32, for driving a white 1995 Isuzu truck east on Grand River at Hathaway at 9:46 p.m. Dec. 29 while drunk. The driver refused to take a blood alcohol test.

In Farmington:
Police made four arrests for drunken driving between Dec. 27-29. One case involved a Detroit man, 28, who was stopped after turning left on a red light on Orchard Lake Road Dec. 27. Police found an opened bottle of tequila. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .10 percent.

AUTO THEFT

In Farmington Hills:
A \$16,000 green and gray 1993 Ford Aerostar was stolen from a business on Orchard Lake Dec. 27.
An \$11,000 white 1992 Dodge Spirit was stolen from Carver's restaurant on Sinicola Dec. 27-28.

ASSAULT

In Farmington Hills:
A Plymouth man, 20, told police that a Redford man, 37, grabbed him from behind at A.T. and G on Eight Mile at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 26, forced him into a forklift and threatened him with a knife. The man left and slashed the victim's tires (\$400).
A Hills man, 34, told police that after he and a Warren man, 29, had argued and fought outside of Champions Pub at Haggerty and 14 Mile, the man drove his 1990 Ford Thunderbird at the man, forcing him to jump out of the way at 12:44 a.m. Dec. 29.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills:
The hood of a white 1995 Honda Accord was dented causing \$500 in damage at the Independence Green Apartments on Highland Dec. 23-24. Two windows at Hospice of America on Middlebelt at 11 Mile were shot out (\$275) Dec. 24-28.

SECURITY INSPECTIONS

The Farmington Public Safety Department and the Farmington Hills Police Department offer free security surveys to residents.

Sting

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the Tribute restaurant at 31425 12 Mile.

As in the past 10 years, police did not announce the day of the sting, used decoys that were more than one year under age (21), and instructed the decoys to leave if asked to show identification.

The difference this year was that police did not send out a certified letter warning the license holders. That bothered at least one of the violators.

"The certified letter definitely does help," said Adrian Tonon, manager of his family's Cortina Cafe. "The law is the law. But I didn't like their approach."

Tonon said the 1-year-old girl came in and told him she was planning on meeting her father and then ordered a glass of wine.

"She seemed to know a lot about wine and was there to meet her father," he said. "And she did not look 17. We are an upscale restaurant. I did not want to embarrass her."

Dwyer said the department could not justify the expense of sending a certified letter to every licensed establishment. And the department is not required to notify license holders ahead of time.

"I think it is important that 44 of the locations did not violate the law," Dwyer said. "They're to be commended. I didn't think we should have to provide the letter. They should know."

One restaurateur said he did not think the lack of a certified letter was that important.

"The whole thing is that we had an experienced waitress and she just made a mistake," said John Rugani, general manager of the Copper Creek Inn. "A letter is nice. But I try to teach the staff about serving alcohol. As much as you train people, they still sometimes make mistakes."

When someone serves alcohol to an underage customer, they are ticketed for a misdemeanor by the police. In addition, the department reports the violation to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, which can take any of a number of punitive steps against the offending establishment, including suspension of the liquor license.

Tonon said it's a tough rap, especially for his family's business.

"We've had the one restaurant for 20 years," he said. "We're very conscientious."

Hava Nagila! series set for 3-, 4-year-olds

Congregation B'nai Moshe is hosting a new eight-part series of "Hava Nagila! Let's Be Happy," a Jewish enrichment program for 3 and 4 year olds.

The series will be offered at the synagogue from 1-2:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Jan. 9. The cost is \$75 per child and space is limited. The theme will be "Keshot Ha'Ivrit" (Hebrew Rainbow) featuring stories, games, and language activities.

"Hava Nagila!" is open to all interested families regardless of affiliation. Another eight-part series will begin in March. For more details or to register call 788-0600.

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