

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

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

AUTO THEFT

In Farmington Hills:
A 1997 black Jeep Cherokee valued \$33,860, boys BMX bike and Honda Spruce moped were stolen from a garage on Plumbrook between 1:30-1:45 a.m. July 11.

A \$15,000 red 1991 GMC van with R&S Plumbing printed on the side was stolen from the business on Northwestern Highway between July 12-13.

A \$38,000 1993 blue GMC Suburban was stolen from the parking lot of Best Western Hotel on 12 Mile Road July 13. The vehicle was recovered in Detroit with damage to the front end and driver's side. A 14-year-old boy was arrested in connection with the theft.

A \$400 Schwinn bike was stolen from an Orchard Creek Apartment residence between July 7-8.

BREAK INS

In Farmington Hills:
A \$300 AM/FM cassette stereo was stolen after the door was pried open on a 1997 Chevy Lumina parked at the America Hotel on Stansbury between 3-7 a.m. July 11, causing \$150 damage.

Two cassette tapes were stolen after the rear window was smashed on a 1986 Chevy Celebrity parked on Hayes between 3-7 a.m. July 11, causing \$400 damage.

A \$500 Ameritech flip phone and \$60 bedspread were stolen after the front window was smashed on a 1995 Jeep Cherokee parked on Turtlecreek July 11, causing \$500 damage.

An \$800 Infinity radio and CD player were stolen after the passenger window was broken on a 1996 Eagle Vision parked at Extended Stay America Hotel on Stansbury between 11 p.m. July 10 and 6 a.m. July 11, causing \$200 damage.

A \$396 Magnavox combination TV/VCR and \$200 cell phone were stolen after entry was made through a rear door at an 11 Mile Road residence between July 12-13. The cell phone was stolen from a 1996 Ford Econoline 250 van parked at the residence.

In Farmington:
A resident of Drakehire Apartments reported his 1988 Dodge truck was broken into sometime between 10 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday in the complex parking lot.

Stolen items inside the truck was a bucket filled with \$300 worth of assorted wrenches, screwdrivers and pliers and a voltage meter, worth approximately \$200. Entry into the truck was gained when the truck's rear window was broken in. The owner said the window had been broken previously, and then taped up.

THEFT

In Farmington Hills:
A bank deposit bag containing \$2,727 cash was stolen from Taco Bell on 10 Mile between June 22 and July 1.

A \$400 Cannon camera and wallet containing \$100 cash were stolen from a 1997 Mercury Villager parked on Fox Club between July 11-12.

Three nitrous oxide tanks worth \$3,000 were stolen from a dentist office on Middlebelt and 14 Mile between July 11-14. Employees found a broken window, which may have been used to gain entry into the building.

A \$800 Motorola flip phone and \$100 tennis racket were stolen from a bag at Detroit Tennis Club on Drake Road July 12.

FLEEING AND ELUDING

In Farmington Hills:
A Farmington Hills man was arrested after failing to stop for police on Nine Mile and Middlebelt 6 p.m. July 11. The driver of the 1983 Olds Toronado turned around in the 7-Eleven parking lot and drove west on Nine Mile and turned into the entrance of Nantucket Townhouses where he lives. Asked why he didn't stop for police, he said he knew he had outstanding warrants and wanted to pull over in a safe place because he thought officers would beat and possibly kill him. The man's license has been suspended 12 times and he's been arrested five times for driving with a suspended license.

VEHICLE FIRES

In Farmington Hills:
Farmington firefighters extinguished an engine compartment fire on a 1990 Lincoln Town Car on Glengrove 9:35 p.m. July 11.

APARTMENT FIRE

In Farmington Hills:
Farmington Hills firefighters put out a blaze at Fairmont Park Apartments on Glen Court at 10 p.m. July 13. Flames were visible from the second-floor window kitchen when firefighters arrived. The cause of the fire is believed to be an electrical stove burner that was left on, which ignited a waste basket placed on top of the oven so the couple's dog wouldn't get into it. Residents were evacuated. Damage is estimated at \$40,000. The apartment residents didn't have insurance, police reports said.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION
In Farmington Hills:
A Farmington Hills male, 17, was ticketed for marijuana possession for having a house party after officers responded to a fireworks complaint on Cass July 12.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills:
A rear window was smashed on a 1991 Pontiac Sunbird parked on Barwell July 12, causing \$300 damage.

In Farmington:
An employee of a downtown retail store parked his car in the NBD parking lot, located in the 23000 block of Farmington Road, went to his nearby place of work and found the vehicle vandalized upon his return.

The man said his car was keyed on both sides of the hood and trunk, and that the passenger door had a small dent in it. It was estimated the vandalism took place about 10 p.m. on Friday.

BUSINESS BURGLARY

In Farmington Hills:
At least \$200 cash was stolen after a side metal door connecting the baking area to the customer area was forced open at Detroit Bagel Company on Orchard Lake between 7 p.m. July 11 and 3 a.m. July 12.

HOME BURGLARY

In Farmington Hills:
A sum of \$600 cash and two antique rings worth \$400 were stolen after a hole was punched in the hallway wall, allowing the inside door lock to be opened, at an IGA apartment residence July 12.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested a Detroit woman, 67, who was drunk driving on northbound Middlebelt and Northwestern at 9:50 a.m. July 12. Police stopped the 1985 Cadillac Brougham after it was weaving on the road. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .21 percent, which is more than twice the legal limit.

Police arrested a Southfield woman, 33, for drunk driving on Middlebelt Road near I-696 at 9:53 p.m. July 12. Police stopped the 1988 Pontiac Bonneville after another driver phoned in to report a vehicle traveling "all over the road." The car had two children in the backseat. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .20 percent.

CONCEALED WEAPON
In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested a two men, ages 43 and 44 and both from Detroit, for carrying a concealed weapon after finding a loaded 9mm handgun in a canvas bag in the 1997 Dodge Stratus they were traveling in on eastbound Eight Mile July 14. Police stopped the vehicle after it made a sharp turn onto southbound Inkster Road, crossing two lanes of traffic. Police also found a plastic bag of marijuana, a knife and rolling papers. Police also found \$1,000 worth of \$1 bills on the driver and confiscated it as part of the drug forfeiture law.

FONDLING

In Farmington Hills:
A 30-year-old woman said a man at a gas station grabbed her buttocks and fondled her breasts while she was buying pop July 14. She told him to stop and he offered her sandwich, which she accepted believing it was a form of apology. After telling them about the incident, her sister and coworkers urged her to call police.

SUSPICIOUS MAN

In Farmington:
It was reported that a suspicious man, about 18 years old, was hanging around around 8 p.m. Saturday outside the Shell gas station at Grand River and Holsted, asking people for money.

OPEN INTOXICANTS

In Farmington:
Farmington Public Safety officers were called to the intersection of Cass Court and Fleming about 6:30 a.m. Friday, where they found a 1988 Mercury Grand Marquis had been parked - but left running, with its lights on - for an hour or so. They found a 33-year-old Detroit man passed out in the driver's seat. Inside, officers found the vehicle was a one-third full bottle of beer, empty and unopened beer containers.

The man pleaded innocent Friday in 47th District Court on charges of possessing open intoxicants in a motor vehicle; false identification; disorderly conduct and having outstanding warrants from prior arrests, according to public safety reports. He posted \$300 cash bond. A spokeswoman for 47th District Court Tuesday said no trial date had yet been set.

REC NEWS

Each week the Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For further information regarding programs, contact the recreation office at 473-9570. Pre-registration is required for most activities. For matters regarding Farmington Hills City Council agenda items, call the news line at 473-9532.

RECREATION EQUIPMENT RENTALS

An assortment of recreation equipment is ready for your picnic, party or special event. Equipment is available from May to September. A separate \$20 deposit is required. Equipment available for rental are picnic packs, volleyball sets, tug-of-war rope, parachute, baseball set and dunk tank. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 473-9570.

OPEN GYM OFFERINGS

The William Costick Activities Center gym is open, with locker rooms and showers available. Please bring correct change and locks for lockers. Days and hours are:

■ Thursday - Adult Basketball - 7-9 p.m.
■ Sunday - Adult Basketball - 9-11 a.m.; Adult Volleyball - 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Teen Basketball - 1-3 p.m.

The fee for two-hour session residents is \$2 for 17 and under, and \$3 for 18 and over. Fee is \$2 more for non-residents.

OPEN SKATE

The Farmington Hills Ice Arena invites participants to join open skating. Fee is \$3 for Farmington Hills residents and \$5 for non-residents. Skate rental is \$2 per person. For specific days and hours call 478-8800.

OUTDOOR CONCERTS

Free Concerts are held at Heritage Park at 8 p.m. on the following Thursdays: July 17, Farmington Community Band; July 24, Jim "Knight" Kuckolis; and July 31, Novi Community Band.

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