POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following are police and fire incidents from Farmington and Farmington Hills recently:

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills:

A bay window on Hunter's Drive received two holes in it, the result of a BB gun, between Feb. 28 and March 1, causing $500 damage.

BREAK-INS

In Farmington Hills:

A cellular phone, radar detector and man's wallet with $200 cash and $200 traveler's checks were stolen after the passenger side window was broken on a 1995 Ford Explorer parked at the YMCA on Farmington Road March 5, causing $250 damage.

THEFT

In Farmington Hills:

A $7,000 Toshiba laptop computer was stolen from Tri-Way Control Systems on Indoplex and Drake between March 2-3.

A $500 cellular phone was stolen from a woman's purse on 12 Mile Road Feb. 28.

A $600 laptop computer and $120 calculator were stolen from a book bag at Ginopolis on Middlebelt March 3.

A shoulder bag with a checkbook and credit card, and a $300 cellular phone were stolen from an unlocked 1994 Chrysler Eagle Summit parked on Oak Valley March 5.

BURGLARY

In Farmington Hills:

A front door was kicked in, but nothing appeared to be stolen from a Glenmoor Heights home March 3. The homeowner came home and found the door broken open. A latex glove was found 25 yards away from the home.

A total of 150 compact discs were stolen after a brick was thrown through a rear door window at a Shiawassee residence March 3. Nothing else appeared to have been stolen.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a Dearborn man, 41, for drunken driving on Haggerty Road, south of Nine Mile, at 12:05 a.m. March 4. Police stopped the 1986 Ford Escort for having a broken headlight. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .13 percent. It's illegal to drive in Michigan with a blood alcohol level of .10 percent or higher.

Police arrested a West Bloomfield woman, 43, for drunken driving after being involved in an accident on 12 Mile and Haggerty at 8:15 p.m. March 4. The 1992 GMC Jimmy rear-ended another vehicle. The driver admitted drinking and had a blood alcohol level of .13 percent.

Police arrested a Highland Park man, 39, for drunken driving on Eight Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake at 7:15 p.m. March 5. Police pulled over the 1986 Buick Electra after it was weaving and braking erratically on the road. Police found a half-filled bottle of Bacardi Rum. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent.

ALTERCATION

In Farmington:

A 62-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man told police that he was assaulted about noon Wednesday, following a traffic altercation on Grand River near the Downtown Farmington Center. But a 27-year-old Garden City man denied striking the man.

According to police reports, versions of what happened vary between the two men:

■ The 62-year-old man told police he pulled out of the shopping center onto eastbound Grand River. Another vehicle followed closely behind him, with the driver allegedly honking his horn, making threatening gestures and yelling. After a block or two, the older man stopped his car and asked the other driver what his problem was. After obscenities were exchanged, the older man started returning to his vehicle when he was pushed and punched.

■ The 27-year-old man said the confrontation began when an elderly driver failed to yield, pulling out of the shopping center right in front of his vehicle. He said the other driver tapped his brakes several times and made a hand gesture. He denied striking the other man.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a Commerce Township woman, 28, after finding 5 grams of marijuana in a 1997 Ford Escort during a traffic stop on 14 Mile and Farmington March 4. Police stopped the vehicle for having an expired plate and officers noticed the smell of marijuana. Officers also found a marijuana pipe in the vehicle.

AN ASSIST

In Farmington Hills:

Hills police assisted Detroit narcotics officers who arrested a 20-year-old Hills man after seizing an unknown amount of cocaine and marijuana on Albion and Grayfield at 11:47 a.m. March 4.

AUTO THEFT

In Farmington Hills:

A black 1989 Olds Regency was stolen from 12th Estate Condominiums between March 2-3.

DISORDERLY PERSON

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a Taylor female, 17, after she repeatedly swore at officers and had to be restrained in the Ruby Tuesday's parking lot on Orchard Lake and 12 Mile March 2. Police were called to a disturbance after a teenage girl went inside the trailer of an Office Max truck and refused to leave.

EMBEZZLEMENT

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a Detroit man, 20, after a stockperson was seen concealing a $699 handheld personal computer and a $79 Motorola pager in his pants at Staples on Orchard Lake March 6.

SHOPLIFTING

In Farmington Hills:

A man left without paying for a $229 Fantom vacuum cleaner at Kohl's on Grand River 6:30 *p.m. March 5. A store security* person was able to get a license plate of the vehicle, which came back registered to a Detroit woman. Other Kohl's stores reported vacuum cleaner thefts by a man with the same description.

LARCENY

In Farmington:

A Livonia woman had her purse stolen about 3:30 p.m. Monday from a shopping cart outside the Farmington-Nine Mile Farmer Jack.

The victim, whose age was not disclosed, said her purse contained $600 to $700 in cash. She left the purse unattended in the cart for a couple minutes and it was gone when she returned.

Plan

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clogging traffic.

An assisted senior living center won't change the mind of one Meadowbrook sub resident, who spoke out against the initial rezoning request.

"We're so close to Eight Mile and Haggerty and we see what goes on there and the difficulty of getting through that intersection," said Daniel Belanger, Parkwood Street resident.

The council should take the lead, the developer said.

"We think the council needs to make a decision," Horowitz said. "We want community input, but we can't negotiate with five homeowners' associations where only people who are opposed tend to show up."

Resident reaction was mixed towards the initial proposal at a public hearing September 1996.

Some want to maintain the rural feel of the area; others favored having a supermarket.

The Meijer store on Eight Mile and Haggerty is nearby while another Kroger supermarket is on the south side of Eight Mile, west of Farmington Road. "I don't need another grocery store," Belanger said.

The area south of Nine Mile is lined with office buildings, including Masco Tech. The area north of Nine Mile is residential.

An office development – which the land is zoned for – would increase bottlenecks during morning and afternoon rush hours, whereas a supermarket would generate a continuous stream of motorists, Horowitz said.

Office workers do create traffic peaks during the morning and afternoon, Belanger said, but he added "It's resolved in 20 minutes."

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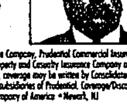

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