

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following are police and fire incidents that occurred in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week.

FIRE

In Farmington Hills: Firefighters from Stations No. 4 and 5 doused a garage fire on the 34500 block of Quaker Valley around 9:55 p.m. June 10. Though the fire was contained to the garage, the adjoining home suffered smoke damage. Fire investigators are still investigating. "They've been out there all night trying to figure out what happened," said Mike Carr, Farmington Hills fire lieutenant, on Thursday.

Station No. 1 firefighters didn't have far to go to put out another garage fire, this one behind the station around 4:45 p.m. June 10. A witness walked into the station to report it.

RED WING BANNER STOLEN

In Farmington Hills: A thief perhaps either a disgruntled Washington Capitals fan or euphoric Red Wing follower, absconded with an 8-by-5-foot nichrushed Detroit Red Wing banner from Rensselaer between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. June 8-9.

TRAILER STOLEN

In Farmington Hills: A thief possibly looking to paint the town stole a trailer containing \$600 of industrial

paint from Travel Lodge on Haggerty and Eight Mile the night of June 8-9.

MARIJUANA ARRESTS

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Redford man, 29, after finding 8.6 grams of marijuana tucked inside an eye-glass case in the 1992 Dodge Dakota he was driving on Orchard Lake and 10 Mile around 4:20 p.m. June 9. Police stopped on Dakota after getting a call about a possible drunken driver. When an officer questioned the driver, he noticed marijuana seeds and stems on the floorboard. Several spent roaches were also found. Police arrested two men ages 20-19 after finding two plastic bags with 6 grams of marijuana in the 1971 Lincoln Continental they were in on westbound I-596 near Drake June 11. Police also confiscated \$340 cash in possible drug forfeiture money.

COCAINE ARREST

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested both the driver and the passenger, Farmington Hills men ages 36 and 33, after finding 1.5 grams of cocaine in the center of console of the 1989 Chevy they were in on Grand River near Colwell June 9. Police stopped the car after seeing a drug transaction. After the officer ordered both to put their

hands in the air, the passenger appeared to move his under the dash for a moment. Police impounded the car and confiscated \$45 in cash.

THEFTS

In Farmington Hills: Someone managed to get into the trunk and steal a laptop computer, a U.S. Robotics Palm Pilot computer, briefcase and Franklin Planner from a 1998 Lincoln parked on the 31200 block of Orchard Lake June 9. There were no signs of forced entry.

CAR PHONE THEFTS

In Farmington: A 57-year-old Farmington woman reported that her cellular telephone was stolen from her unlocked vehicle between 4 p.m. Monday and 10 a.m. Tuesday. The car was parked in her driveway, in the 31000 block of Lamar. The black, Ameritech cell phone was valued at approximately \$200. She told police the cell phone had been in the front passenger's compartment. There are no suspects or witnesses.

A 39-year-old Farmington Hills man told police that someone took his cellular telephone between 6:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, while he was eating at the Burger King located in the 32000 block of Grand River. According to police reports, the victim's black, Motorola flip phone was taken from the driver's seat of his unlocked car, which was

parked in the restaurant lot.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Southfield woman, 21, after she drove a 1992 Mazda Protege on Halsted and Freedom with a blood alcohol level of .21 percent, which is twice the legal limit. At 2:30 a.m. June 10, police stopped the car after it was weaving on the road. The driver stumbled out of the car.

Police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 36, for drunken driving on Shiawassee and Colwell at 3:10 a.m. June 12. Police stopped the 1990 Honda after it was weaving on the road. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .13 percent.

THREATENING CALLS

In Farmington Hills: A Birmingham Seaholm teacher who lives in Farmington Hills told police she received a phone call from an unknown male, sounding like a teenager, who stated "It's payback time, bitch" and hung up June 10.

BUSINESS BURGLARY

In Farmington Hills: Police are investigating after the law office of Sowerby & Marr on 13 Mile and Orchard Lake was burglarized the night of June 9-10. Attorney Paul Sowerby, who ran for mayor in 1995, noticed powder from ceiling tiles on the floor. A handgun and rubber stamp were stolen from Sowerby's desk drawers. He also

saw two foot prints on a chair. Although nothing else appeared to be stolen, Sowerby's partner, Charles Marr, said someone tried to pull open six file drawers that were locked. Marr later received a suspicious call.

SADDLE LASSOED

In Farmington Hills: The driver of a 1998 Mercury Mountaineer is likely sore after someone stole a \$1,400 horse saddle and the CD stereo from his vehicle at Blakney's Ranch House on Grand River June 10. The thief broke the passenger window to get inside, causing \$500 damage.

MISCHIEF

In Farmington Hills: A 14-year-old boy was seen throwing rocks and shooting paintballs at school buses in front of Forest Elementary on Old Timber June 10. The teen also lobbed a paintball grenade at another 14-year-old boy who was doused with blue paint upon impact. The thing then ran off.

CLONED PHONES

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 23, for driving on a suspended license and found six cellular phones underneath the seat while searching the 1993 Ford Ranger he was driving on Orchard Lake near Grand and Drive June 11. Three phones had altered electronic serial numbers, which means they were likely cloned.

OBITUARIES

VERDA C. SECUNDA

Verda Catherine Secunda, 85, of Farmington died June 9 at the Greenery in Farmington.

She is survived by daughters, the Rev. Bonnie (Cleg Bordeaux) Bydiah, Marian Mroz and Nancy King; sons, Harper (Janice) Dunlap and Kelly (Ruth) Dunlap; brother, Clyde Wilson; sister, Rachel Russell; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were June 13 at Heoney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington, with the Rev. Paul Donelson officiating.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Hospice of Michigan.

DOROTHY K. GORDON

Dorothy K. Gordon, 93, of Farmington, died June 9, at Beaumont Hospital.

Mrs. Gordon was the founder of the Farmington Beautification Commission and a past president of the Farmington Garden Club. She was also a school teacher and a librarian.

She is survived by son, John (Deborah) of Farmington Hills; daughter, Miriam of North Carolina; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, June 19, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit with the Rev. David Abbott officiating. Arrangements made by Thayer-Buck Funeral Home in Farmington. Memorials may be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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