

6-month crime stats show people ignore police advice

BY TIM SMITH
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The Farmington Public Safety Department's introduction of bike patrols apparently has been the biggest change of the year. Of course, that's if you don't count its recent move to a new location while renovation of the old one begins.

That's because the department's half-year statistical report detailing crimes isn't much different from 1997.

Public Safety Director Gary Goss said serious (Part 1) crimes

for the first six months of 1998 were up 4 percent from the same period in 1997. But that translates to just eight more reports.

"I don't see any major trends," Goss said to the city council during a recent review of the report.

This year, larcenies went up from 137 to 155, aggravated assaults increased from one to five and there were three reported robberies, up one from 1997.

Decreases included stalking (down from six to four), burglary (from 30 to 22), auto thefts (from eight to four) and arson, down

from one to none.

Again, no murders were reported for the first six months of the year, while reports of criminal sexual conduct stayed constant at three.

According to Goss, the bike patrol has been well-received, particularly at events such as the Farmington Founders Festival. But the additional presence of officers in parking lots apparently isn't keeping people from having cellular telephones and other valuables stolen from inside unlocked vehicles and

These are mostly crimes of opportunity, random acts. Cell phones and computer-type items are left out in the open, often in unlocked cars.

Gary Goss
—Farmington Public Safety director

oven shopping carts.

Of the 165 reported larcenies, 42 were larcenies from motor vehicles — up from 37 in 1997.

"These are mostly crimes of opportunity, random acts," Goss explained to the council. "Cell

In the Part 2 crimes category, which primarily are misdemeanors, there was a 25 percent drop, from 653 to 492.

"Why? Last year we had over 100 fraud complaints from the Hickory Hill Antiques business," which is now out of business, Goss continued. "So there is a natural correction."

In other significant categories, drunken driving arrests dropped from 83 to 84 while drug violations were reduced from 27 to 17.

Longtime Sorrows pastor dies at 68

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When it came to facts and figures and everything in between, the Rev. Kean Cronin knew more than most and probably then some.

His warmth and knowledge made the Catholic priest an inspiration to those around him at parishes such as Our Lady of

Sorrows in Farmington, St. Genevieve in Livonia and, most recently, Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth. The Rev. Cronin died Sept. 7 of congestive heart failure at Angela Hospice. He was 68.

"Anytime I had a problem with canon law, I'd ask him a question and there he'd go," said Rudy Piro, an ordained deacon

at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia. "He had a tremendous memory."

In recent years, his scholarly pursuits didn't dissipate despite battling chronic diabetes and numerous strokes. He traveled throughout the U.S., Middle East, Europe, including Ireland, and ran St. Genevieve as pastor.

He remained at the Livonia parish for eight years until his retirement in July. While St. Genevieve pastor, he also served as vicar for the Northwest Wayne Vicariate 1992-95.

He previously served at Our Lady of Sorrows for 13 years from 1977-90. His pastorate at Our Lady of Sorrows also included a term as interim vicar for the Farmington-Southfield Vicariate in 1989.

"Father Cronin ... contributed greatly to the growth and development of the parish community," said Our Lady of Sorrows' Monsignor Walter A. Hurley. "He has many friends here at Our Lady of Sorrows and will be deeply missed."

"I knew him well as a friend and associate and valued both his ministry and friendship."

After several years of being involved with Catholic Youth Organization sports, the St. Genevieve priest graduated entered the priesthood in his late 20s. He started as an associate pastor at St. Mary Magdalen Church in

Melvindale where he served 1983-85.

His love for academia steered into being a chaplain at Livonia Ladywood High. He later became director of campus ministry at Schoolcraft College, Lawrence Institute of Technology and Wayne State University.

The Detroit Archdiocese appointed him as coordinator of its campus ministry program.

"He was just world smart and book smart," said Dino Gravelle, Our Lady of Sorrows' secretary. "He loved campus ministry. He was a good teacher. He could go into any subject at full length."

Gravelle described the priest as a good-hearted man who helped parishioners through their sorrows and celebrated their joys. Added Piro: "He was warm once you got past the facade. He was like a teddy bear."

He is survived by niece Katherine (and Scott) Bruning of Davidsburg, Mich., and nieces Ganser, great-niece Katherine and great-nephew Ian.

Visitation was at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Wednesday. Funeral Mass is said 11 a.m. Thursday with Archbishop of Detroit Cardinal Adam Malina officiating. Burial is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorials may be sent to Angela Hospice, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or St. Aloysius Warming Center.



Mourned: The Rev. Kean Cronin served at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church 1977-90. He was described as a good-hearted man who helped parishioners through their sorrows and celebrated their joys.

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