

Car chase ends in man's arrest

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An 18-year-old Redford man was arrested Easter Sunday after allegedly driving off in a truck belonging to a former roommate and cousin, who was attending church services in Farmington Hills.

Mark Chomos was arraigned Monday, April 5, on unlawful driving away of a vehicle charges. He faces an April 16 preliminary exam in Farmington's 47th district court. He was being held on \$5,000 bond.

Farmington Hills police detective Al Patterson said one roommate kicking out another apparently sparked the incident. Chomos had been kicked out of the shared Redford apartment by his cousin about a week before. Chomos later allegedly broke into the apartment and took his roommate's truck keys.

At about 11 a.m. Sunday, April 4, the com-

plainant, a 19-year-old Redford man, was sitting in Farmington Hills' Fundamental Baptist Church for services when another churchgoer alerted him that someone was driving his truck, a 1986 Ford Ranger, out of the parking lot. The man and his father investigated, and saw that it was Chomos. They then took off in his father's vehicle, chased Chomos for a couple of miles then collided near Middlebelt and Stockton. Chomos attempted to flee on foot, but was caught by Farmington Hills police.

"We're not sure how he got to the church," Patterson said. He said police were also unsure about what prompted the other roommate to kick him out of the apartment. Chomos had no prior police record.

"It was very fortunate it ended without seriously injuring anyone," said Chuck Nobus, assistant police chief.

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This year's event will be held from 1-4 p.m. April 18 at the Farmington Family YMCA, at 12 Mile and Farmington Roads. All of the youngsters who are a part of the Y childcare program within the Farmington Public Schools will be forming teams to compete for prizes on this day.

This year's event will be held from 1-4 p.m. April 18 at the Farmington Family YMCA, at 12 Mile and Farmington Roads.

There will be booths representing health issues demonstrated by several hospitals with displays as part of this event. Botsford Hospital will be demon-

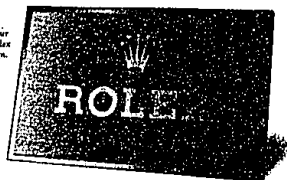
strating good eating habits, DMC Children's Hospital will be demonstrating good bike safety. Providence Hospital will be demonstrating first aid, as well as the fire department, Healthy People/Healthy Oakland, and Kroger demonstrating several items relating to fitness and nutrition.

Families are invited as the facility will be open to family swim, gym time and other recreational activities. For more information call 553-4020.

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Baby safe after fall from window

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A Farmington Hills baby Tuesday afternoon gave new meaning to the term "bouncing baby."

While playing with toys near a window, a 16-month-old baby took a tumble out of a screened second-story apartment window at Summit Apartments, at Northwest Highway and Middlebelt at about 1:25 p.m. Tuesday. He had apparently been pushing on the screen with both hands. This prompted his panicky mother to call the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

But when the fire department arrived, they discovered the infant had only a slight scrape on his finger but was otherwise OK.

"He was not hurt at all," said Pete Baldwin, acting fire chief. "It was truly amazing." Because it was a medical.

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related call, police would not release the baby's or mother's name.

The baby's fall was cushioned by grass and dirt made moist from the recent rains, he said. The window the boy fell from was a regular living room window with nothing underneath, such as a balcony, to stop the fall.

"He liked the firefighters and liked the attention - he was a truly, truly amazing kid," Baldwin said.

While the firefighters were en route to the scene, they expected the worst.

"We've had some very tragic events with kids," he said, describing other falls that ended in more serious injuries. "Whenever any child

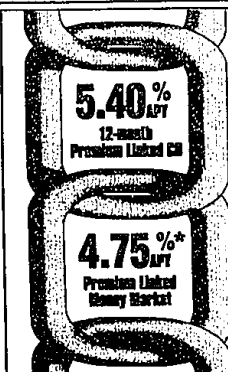
falls out a window we assume something is medically wrong. But he fell in the right place and he landed right."

The baby was in better spirits than his mother, who was "pretty shaken" by the incident, Baldwin said. The father arrived from work a short time later.

Though the baby was lucky in this case, Baldwin said this should be a wake-up call for all parents.

"Don't rely on a screen to keep your kid inside," he said. Chuck Nobus, assistant Farmington Hills police chief, said the department's crime prevention officer with the multi-housing program went out to the scene.

"We sent a police investigator and verified there was no parental neglect," Nobus said. "It was purely an accident - fortunately with a very happy ending."



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