

Jackpot continues to grow with arrest of man

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The jackpot keeps growing. Farmington Hills police have seized \$108,324 in cash since the arrest of a Detroit man for delivery and manufacture of marijuana Dec. 13. Police arrested Mohamed Hassan, 36, after he came to the Hills station to file a complaint and informed them he had marijuana on him.

He is in Oakland County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 bond.

After a search, officers found \$3,024 in a fanny pack. They

turned up another \$13,600 in cash when police searched his car.

A search of his Rosemont Street residence uncovered more marijuana and keys to safety deposit boxes. On Dec. 17, police got a search warrant and discovered \$29,000 in one box and \$60,800 in another at NBD and Comerica banks. Another \$2,000 turned up upon further investigation.

Police seized more than 70 grams of marijuana. Money confiscated is believed to be drug sale proceeds, police said. Forfeiture papers will be served against Hassan.

"It's probably the largest (money seizure) we've had in a single effort not involving another agency," Chief Bill Dwyer said.

Undoubtedly, the drug bust ranks as the easiest.

The man turned up in the prisoner sally port and had to be told by officers to leave after he banged on the jail door. He drove around to the front of the station where he told officers at the front desk neighbors were harassing his 3-year-old son.

Police patted down the man for weapons after learning he'd forcibly taken his son from the boy's mother, who lives in Farmington Hills. He voluntarily told officers he had a marijuana in his crotch, which led them to search his car where they found more drugs and money.

The man told police he'd been on a three-day crack cocaine binge.

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Dwyer also credited his investigators for their follow-up, which led to the large drug and

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cash seizure. Police agencies use drug forfeiture money for narcotics education and crime prevention programs.

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

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

HIGH SCHOOL RIVALRY

In Farmington Hills: Police were called to Heritage Park on a possible fight between Harrison High and Farmington High students around 2:30 p.m. Dec. 17. When officers arrived, a circle of 21 students started to break up. Police found a baseball bat, crossbow and a can of mace. No one reported any assault taking place.

GUNS MISSING

In Farmington Hills:

A woman bought two handguns after her car was stolen at gunpoint but she left the firearms in the trunk of the Nissan Sentra she rented from Enterprise Rent a Car Dec. 14. When she realized the mistake, she phoned Enterprise but no guns were found.

FAMILY TROUBLE

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Livonia man, 31, for drunken driving, domestic assault and battery, child neglect and endangerment and vandalism after he returned his 6-year-old daughter his former wife Dec. 17. The man was described as drunk and belliger-

ent as he grabbed his ex-wife and threw her against a refrigerator. The woman's boyfriend threw the man out of the house. After unsuccessfully trying to get back inside, the man got into his car and drove towards the house and hit a tree and a mound of dirt. He continued to drive back and forth across the lawn. Officer stopped the 1996 Ford Taurus after he left the scene. Due to the fight with his ex-wife's boyfriend, he wasn't able to perform a Breathalyzer due to mouth injuries.

AUTO THEFT

In Farmington Hills: Someone stole a tan 1985 Chevy Caprice from a Hunters Circle residence during the night of Dec. 14-15. Police found broken glass near the scene. Police found a 1982 Caprice that matched the description of the car stolen. The door lock and steering column were broken. Police also found a prisoner's

wrist bracelet inside the car.

MARIJUANA FOUND

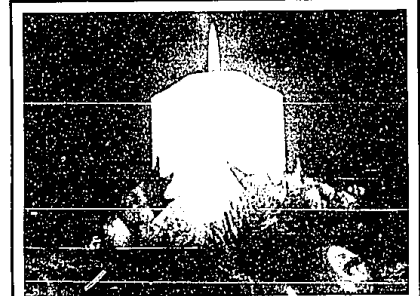
In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Spring, Texas man, 34, after they found two plastic bags with 24 ounces of marijuana at a party in Independence Green Apartments Dec. 17. Police went to the apartment on a report of an assault and battery complaint.

BREAK INS

In Farmington Hills: Someone shattered a window and stole a purse containing \$148 cash from a 1997 Mazda parked at Steak and Ale on Orchard Lake Dec. 16.

ASSAULT

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested an 18-year-old woman after another woman she was hit seven to eight times with a barbecue brush during an argument at Hunters Ridge Apartments Dec. 16.



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passed this community tradition on to the Jaycees and they plan to proudly continue the legacy.

The cost is \$32 per person which includes a three-course dinner and dessert. Call 851-5674.

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