

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

The following are police and fire reports made during the past week in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Driving after revocation

In Farmington Hills: Hills police officers arrested a 29-year-old Detroit man early Friday morning, after a routine check for a speeding violation indicated his driver's license had been suspended until February. The report indicated he'd had eight convictions for driving under the influence. His car was impounded.

Credit card fraud

In Farmington Hills:

A 22-year-old Farmington Hills woman reported her purse had been stolen in Novi and a debit card had been used at Leshman's for purchases totaling more than \$350. She said the theft had occurred on Sept. 27, 1997, and the charges were made on Oct. 1, 1997, and she was reporting the crime now because of credit problems due to fraudulent use of the card.

Theft

In Farmington Hills: A 9-horsepower Craftsman snowblower, valued at \$900 was stolen from the Farmington Hills Sears store on Jan. 8, sometime between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. The

machine had been chained and padlocked to four others; however, the padlock had been cut.

Disappearance

In Farmington Hills: Hills police are looking for a 10-year employee of a local business who apparently left without returning a van he had borrowed. The business owner said the employee's wife had called on Dec. 27 to find out whether the man had been heard from since his Dec. 23 disappearance. A letter of termination and demand for return of the vehicle has been sent to his last known address; however, another employee believes the man left town owing

money "on the street." He is believed to be living with relatives in Tennessee.

Narcotics possession

In Farmington Hills: A Hills officer monitoring radio traffic heard a report of an altercation inside a 1988 Ford pickup truck headed west on M-5 from Grand River. After the pickup was stopped, all three men said they were just "screwing around."

A routine search for weapons turned up 24 packets of a white substance suspected to be heroin. Officers learned one of the passengers also swallowed two packets; he was taken to Bots-

ford Hospital and issued a ticket for possession of narcotics paraphernalia. Officers also found syringes in the driver's pants pocket.

Auto theft

In Farmington Hills: A 2000 blue Jeep Cherokee was stolen between midnight and 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 8 from a handicapped parking spot at the Holiday Inn. The owner said she had bought the vehicle just the day before.

Assault

In Farmington Hills: A 13-year-old student at East Middle School reported he was

assaulted by five other students on Jan. 7. The boy had agreed to meet one of the youths after school to settle a fight, but shortly after they began pushing each other, the other boys showed up and began hitting and kicking him. They ran away after he called out that a teacher was coming.

The boy experienced severe pain that night, according to the police report. When his parents took him to a doctor, they discovered he had a fractured hip. The boy was able to identify four of the five boys who assaulted him, according to police.

Purse stolen

In Farmington Hills: A Farmington Hills woman reported her purse missing after she had shopped at Nino Salvaggio's. She paid for her items, noticed them in her car and didn't notice the loss until she got home. The purse contained her driver's license, gift certificates, credit cards and \$69-\$80 in cash.

Domestic Abuse

In Farmington Hills: A verbal argument between a couple on Winterset escalated into physical violence Sunday evening when the husband hit his wife on her head and upper back, knocking her down. She attempted to call for help, and her husband pulled the telephone cords out of the wall, then smashed her cellular phone. She was later able to put the phone back together to call for help, according to police.

The victim, who is eight-weeks pregnant, refused medical attention. Her husband was arrested and charged with domestic assault.

A few hours later, a 28-year-old woman living on Roosevelt Court reported her 38-year-old husband struck her on the neck and hit her between the eyes during an argument. She said he had been drinking. Officers reported seeing a red mark on the woman's neck.

At 11:30 p.m., a 23-year-old Little Valley man was arrested after his 22-year-old girlfriend reported he had punched her in the face and kicked her while they were driving home from a family gathering. He removed all telephone cords so she couldn't call for help, but after he fell asleep, she was able to plug one of the phones back in and call for help, according to police.

Although her eyes were swollen and she had visible bruises and cuts, the woman refused medical attention.

Beechview PTA to award scholarship

The Beechview PTA will award a \$500 scholarship to a deserving senior who attended Beechview for at least one year. Applications are available at the high school counselor office at Harrison, North Farmington and Farmington High Schools.

Dancers to perform at OCC

O'Hare's Irish Dancers, a dance troupe featuring two world champions, will perform Friday, Jan. 21, at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

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