

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

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

Fraud
In Farmington Hills:
The clerk at a Mobil gas station on 12 Mile Road reported a man pumped more than \$20 worth of gas and then drove off without paying. The clerk said that was the third time the same car has driven off in the past two weeks.

Prescription drug fraud
In Farmington Hills:
A child psychologist reported that someone had obtained a prescription for Tylenol 3 using his prescription pads, which are kept locked in his office. The patient for whom the fraudulent prescription was written said she had no knowledge of the incident.

Embezzlement
In Farmington Hills:
The attorney for the Asphalt

Pavers Association reported someone from the organization had used company checks to pay personal bills and obtain cash. A suspect was identified and information was turned over to Hills police for an investigation.

Thefts
In Farmington Hills:
Two thefts were reported Friday at Warner Middle School, both occurring during the morning hours. A wallet was stolen after a teacher placed it in an unlocked desk in an unlocked room. When it was recovered by a student, \$8 was missing.

A band member who placed his saxophone in the band room when he got to school returned later that morning to discover it gone.

Narcotics use/possession
In Farmington Hills:
During a routine traffic stop of a driver who made an abrupt lane change and turned from Grand River onto Middlebelt, an officer discovered a baggie of

marijuana in the pocket of a 34-year-old Milford man.

The man had consented to a personal search. When the officer found a baggie of suspected marijuana, the man clamped his elbow on the officer's hand to prevent the bag's removal from his pocket. He was then handcuffed, placed under arrest and lodged at the Hills Police Department.

Delinquency
In Farmington Hills:
Hills police broke up a party Friday night at the Red Roof Inn, arresting two adult men who were charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor and criminal sexual conduct.

Officers responded to a complaint from a Novi mother whose teenage daughter had asked to be picked up and indicated she had been partying with adults at the motel. When the desk clerk couldn't provide the room number, the mother called police. Upon entering the room, they

saw a number of people in varying states of intoxication and liquor bottles strewn about. They also found marijuana paraphernalia and sugar cubes, which are sometimes used to administer drugs.

Only the person who rented the room was 21, the rest were ages 15 to 17. One of the girls reported she'd had sex, but hadn't consented because of her confused, intoxicated state. The 21-year-old was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and a 17-year-old Novi man was charged with criminal sexual conduct.

Domestic assault
In Farmington Hills:
On routine patrol, officers spotted a man and woman arguing alongside the road on east-bound Grand River east of Middlebelt, near a running pickup truck. As officers pulled up, the man walked away from the woman, who was crying hysterically and had her shirt torn off. She said her husband, who had

been drinking, had assaulted her while they were driving.

While the 32-year-old Detroit man claimed his wife hit him first, he admitted to striking her and was arrested. A background check turned up previous drug and larceny arrests.

Assault and battery

In Farmington Hills:
A Botsford Hospital nurse was assaulted Sunday afternoon during an examination of a patient being admitted for mental problems. The patient had refused to provide a urine sample and was told he would be catheterized. When the nurse moved to place his ankles in restraints, the patient set up and delivered a closed-fisted punch to the nurse's neck. The patient was then placed in four-point restraints and catheterized.

The suspect told the officer who responded that he had become very nervous when the nurse said he would be catheterized, "so I hit him."

Domestic assault

In Farmington Hills:
An argument about a 16-year-old's tardiness at school led to a physical assault Sunday night. Officers said the boy's mother had told her son to go to his room, and she shut the door to her room. He pushed it open, knocking her back, then pushed her into a closet and knocked her to the floor. The boy was released into his grandfather's custody.

Theft

In Farmington Hills:
A 72-year-old Farmington Hills man told police his wallet was missing after he had allowed several of his grandson's friends to use his bathroom.

Vandalism

In Farmington Hills:
Police received reports Sunday morning that numerous mailboxes had been knocked over on Congress. The boxes weren't destroyed.

Join in celebrating National Wild Bird Month by helping count birds at birdfeeders and yards

In 1993, the U.S. Congress proclaimed February to be National Wild Bird Month. Mary Ferguson, the owner of the Farmington Hills Wild Birds Unlimited, a retail business catering to back yard birdfeeding and nature enthusiasts, invites

residents to celebrate feeding wild birds by participating in Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 18-21.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society Great Backyard Bird Count is the first bird count that

invites individuals, families, classrooms and organizations to count the birds and then report the findings online through the BirdSource web site at <http://birdsource.cornell.edu/gbbc>.

It's easy to take part, as par-

ticipants spend as much or as little time as they like counting the birds at birdfeeders and backyards, local parks or other outdoor locations.

Wild Birds Unlimited is a major sponsor of the Great Backyard Bird Count.

The data submitted to BirdSource from the Great Backyard Bird Count helps to define bird ranges, populations, migration pathways and habitat needs. BirdSource is a powerful new tool for bird conservation.

*Data sheets for our area are

available at the store or on the Great Backyard Bird Count web site. Data must be submitted to Wild Birds Unlimited by Feb. 24,* Ferguson said.

If you don't have a computer, Wild Birds Unlimited can input the information for you.

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