

Woman, 32, faces cocaine and felony firearms charges

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A 32-year-old woman faces charges of possessing and using crack cocaine and felony firearms charges following an investigation by South Oakland Narcotics Information Consortium officers.

HILLS POLICE

A search of her Lyon Township home and her father's Northville Township home uncovered crack, marijuana, cash and a shotgun, as well as packaging materials, said Farmington Hills Assistant Chief Charles Nebus.

According to a report filed with the Hills Police Department, a SONIC officer who had previously purchased crack from the woman set up another "buy" and was asked to meet her in Lyon Township. When he asked why, she said she wanted to have sex with him.

The officers identified themselves, arrested the suspect and let other SONIC officers into the home.

When he called later and said he was bringing a friend, the woman agreed to entertain both men, the report indicated. She answered the door in her nightgown and led the officers to her bedroom, where a pornographic video was playing, according to police.

After a brief discussion, during which the woman was asked several times about purchasing crack, the officers identified themselves, arrested the suspect and let other SONIC officers into the home.

As they talked with the woman, an officer noticed a locked closet in the far corner of the bedroom and heard movement coming from inside. When they opened the door, officers said they found the woman's

father inside, a 12-gauge shotgun on the floor at his feet.

He told officers he only wanted to make sure his daughter didn't get hurt. However, Nebus said, the way the closet was set up indicated this had happened before.

"This wasn't a one-time thing," Nebus said. "He had taken the time to make a cut-out in the closet with a one-way mirror."

In addition, officers could tell by marks on the door frame and the lock that the closet had been used more than once, he added.

The South Oakland Narcotics Investigation Consortium includes officers from Farmington Hills, Novi and West Bloomfield.

Thieves walk off with rare coins from Hills business

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Farmington Hills police say whoever stole \$10,000 in rare coins from a local dealer had to go through a little extra effort to get to them.

According to reports, the thieves tried to break into U.S. Coin Gallery late Monday night by prying open a steel door. When that didn't work, they tried the door at two other businesses located in the same strip mall.

They finally succeeded in entering a leather cleaning business, where they stole \$100 before punching a hole in a shored wall. Once inside the neighboring tuxedo rental store, thieves damaged a cash register and took \$40 to \$60

before creating a second hole to access the coin dealership, according to police.

"It's a little different twist," said Hills Assistant Chief Charles Nebus, adding police have no leads on the case at this time.

Investigators said they are also working on a series of burglaries that occurred over the past few months at businesses in the northwest side of the city. In each case, thieves enter the building after hours by smashing glass.

So far, they've taken only computer equipment, Nebus said.

Anyone with information on either case may call the Hills Police Department Investigative Bureau, 473-5660.

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WARNER WINNERS

Three Warner eighth graders have been named winners of the American & McEwen Contest sponsored by the Farm Bureau Institute.

The topic of this year's contest was "My American Hero for the 21st Century." The three students, who earned first, second,

and third-place awards for Warner are Mary Lin, first; Arthur Glantz, second; and Ryan Harbison, third. The first-place essayist advances to the state level competition.

PRESIDENT SCHOLAR

Honorary Mario Froman has been awarded the president's scholarship at Cedarville College

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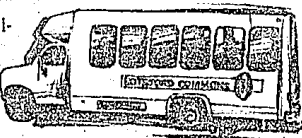
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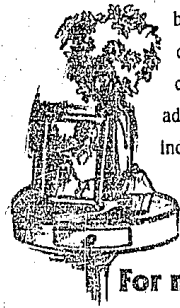
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