

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

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

CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT

In Farmington Hills:
A 14-year-old Milford girl who had been staying with her grandmother in Southfield Saturday night, said a 17-year-old male friend who lured her away from the house sexually assaulted her. She told police the friend came to her grandmother's house around 2:30 a.m. on Sunday and talked her into walking to his Farmington Hills home. Once in his room, they talked

and listened to music. After a short time, she said he started taking off her clothes. She hit him and scratched his back in an attempt to get him to stop. Later, he offered to give her a ride back to her grandmother's, but his mother woke up and refused to let him leave the house, according to police.

The girl asked to use the phone, but the boy's mother refused and locked her out of the house. The girl walked to a nearby grocery store, where she called a friend who drove her home. Her mother and grandmother took her to Botsford Hospital, where she was treated and

made a statement to officers.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In Farmington Hills:

Late Sunday afternoon, officers responded to a gas station at Halsted and Grand River, where they met a 22-year-old woman who said a verbal argument with her husband over the amount of noise she was making in the kitchen escalated into physical violence.

The woman said her husband had turned the hot water on her hands, slapped and punched her, then pushed her face down on their bed, with his hand at the back of her neck, after she

fought back. Her 26-year-old husband admitted to slapping her with an open hand and holding her down on the bed. He was arrested and charged with domestic violence.

At 11 p.m. Monday, a 29-year-old Farmington Hills woman told officers her husband had accused her of cheating, then slapped her, pushed her to the floor and kicked her a number of times.

When officers checked with the husband, he said his wife had been talking with another man on an Internet chat line. After he viewed a private message to his wife on her computer screen, she stood up and punched him, and a fight followed. The husband was arrested for domestic violence. The couple had been married for 10 years, and their children were in the home asleep at the time of the incident.

ASSAULT

In Farmington Hills:

A verbal argument between employees at a business on Hathaway escalated into a fist fight, after one man refused to get the other a piece of equipment. Officers removed a 12-gauge shotgun from the vehicle of the 39-year-old Livonia man who threw the first punch. The gun was cased and unloaded, but was taken for "safe keeping."

THEFT

In Farmington Hills:

Security video at F&M drug store on Orchard Lake showed a light-skinned black man, about 5'10" tall, grabbed money from an unattended cash register at the store at around 9 p.m. Sun-

day evening. The register contained approximately \$160, mostly in dollar bills.

On Monday morning, an employer discovered two envelopes from Friday's business missing. They contained \$3,100 in cash and miscellaneous checks and were taken from a locked filing cabinet. Employees who handled the Friday and Saturday envelopes were questioned. Sales people and cleaning crews also had access to the locked cabinet, the key for which was sometimes kept in a desk drawer.

ACCIDENTS

In Farmington Hills:

A 19-year-old Farmington Hills man was issued a ticket for failure to stop in an assured, clear distance and no proof of registration after an accident on Millbrook and Middlebelt early Monday morning. He was traveling in a 1996 Ford northbound on Middlebelt behind a 1997 Geo Thunder, driven by a 24-year-old Livonia woman, when another car entered Middlebelt and cut her off, causing her to lose control and spin in the lane. The Ford then hit her vehicle.

A three-car accident on Northwestern Monday morning occurred after a 1998 Lincoln driven by a 43-year-old West Bloomfield man failed to stop on wet pavement and struck the 1998 GMC ahead of him. That car, in turn, struck a 2000 Honda ahead of it. All three cars were southeast bound, and the first driver was issued a citation for failure to stop.

A similar citation was issued to a 52-year-old St. Heights man, after he failed to stop at

the intersection of Orchard Lake and 12 Mile Roads Monday morning, causing a four-vehicle accident. All four cars were in the right-hand lane headed southbound on Orchard Lake.

FIRE CALLS

In Farmington Hills:

A fire in a 2000 Buick Park Avenue in the parking lot at Bill Cook Porsche-Audi caused about \$15,000 worth of damage to a \$36,500 vehicle on March 6. A chemical extinguisher and water knocked down the fire substantially by the time firefighters arrived. They sprayed the engine compartment with additional water to cool the affected area and keep the fire out of the passenger compartment. The cause of the blaze is believed to be engine backfire.

Firefighters stood by at a residence on Clubhouse Lane early in the morning of March 6, as Consumers Energy technicians tested the house for carbon monoxide. The homeowner reported the alarm was sounding while he was in the shower. Consumers Energy found high levels throughout the home and determined the source to be venting for the hot water tank.

Electrical failure is thought to be the cause of a March 6 single-family home fire on Southbrook in Farmington Hills. The blaze caused \$1,500 in damage to an attached garage. When firefighters arrived, they found the homeowner had killed the blaze with two small chemical extinguishers. The fire apparently originated in an electrical panel in the garage, which was charred. Detroit Edison disconnected power to the residence.

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