

**POLICE AND FIRE CALLS**

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

**FIRE**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 It was no April Fool for the owner of Mid-Nina Market when Hills firefighters were called to the store on Middlebelt Road at 11:35 p.m. on April 1 for what appeared to be a trash fire. When they arrived, firefighters found light smoke inside the building. Both doors were locked, and they got in by forcing open the front door. The smoke was coming from a small fire in the store's locker room and was quickly extinguished.

Investigators suspect the cause of the blaze was heat from electrical equipment igniting some cardboard. The loss is estimated at \$15,000.

**CAR FIRE**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A 1993 Chevrolet Cavalier caught fire shortly after midnight Tuesday, while on the westbound I-696 ramp at Orchard Lake Road. Firefighters responded at around 12:39 a.m. and found a

fully-involved engine compartment fire, which was possibly ignited by a fuel-fired object, though an official cause has not been determined. The blaze was extinguished using a tanker truck; the estimated loss is \$3,500.

**DOMESTIC**  
**In Farmington Hills:**  
 An argument that began over living arrangements ended with a 42-year-old Farmington Hills woman being thrown out of the home she shared with her 40-year-old boyfriend, according to a report filed with Hills police.

The woman had moved into the man's home three weeks earlier and was there when he arrived home Tuesday around 7:30 p.m. According to reports, a verbal argument escalated when the boyfriend grabbed and bruised the woman's upper arms as he attempted to physically throw her out of the house; officers noticed her injuries when they arrived.

After finally giving up the fight, the woman ran to another home in the Woodmont neighborhood and called 911. Police learned the boyfriend had an outstanding warrant and previous assault arrests.

**VANDALISM**

**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A 62-year-old Hills man who lives on Hollyhead reported tires were slashed and windows broken on two cars that had been parked in his driveway. He told police about two possible suspects; his daughter's former boyfriend, against whom she once had a personal order of protection, and a co-worker who had repeatedly asked her out. Nothing was stolen from either the 1999 Ford Explorer or the 2000 Crown Victoria.

**THEFT**

**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A 30-year-old Plymouth man who works at Michigan National Bank on Inkerter reported to police that he noticed unusual activity with his checking account on March 31, with transactions made between March 22 and March 29. He said a number of payments, totaling \$3,000, had been made to utility companies. Police believe someone obtained his debit card number and used it to make telephone transactions.

**LARCENY FROM AUTO**

**In Farmington Hills:**  
 On April 6, a Farmington Hills man reported a number of items had been stolen from a 1994 Ford van, while it was parked at Freedom Apartments. Someone apparently cut a padlock that secured the van and took two extension ladders, a paint sprayer, screw gun kit and power sander, valued at more than \$2,400.

**LOST GUN**

**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A resident on Fredericksburg told police he hid a 9mm Glock handgun at the bottom of a trash bag so it would be safe while the family was on vacation. When they returned, he inadvertently threw the gun out with the trash.

**THREATENING PHONE CALLS**

**In Farmington Hills:**  
 Hills police arrested a former Computware employee shortly before 8:45 a.m. on April 6, after he was found wandering around the company grounds in an incoherent state.

They later learned the man had left threatening messages on a supervisor's voice mail. The man had been fired in 1998 and

a warrant had been issued at that time. Police arrested him on that outstanding warrant.

**AUTO THEFT**

**In Farmington Hills:**  
 Police in Detroit's 7th Precinct recovered a 1993 Ford van Thursday that had been stolen from a construction site at Candlewood Suites in Farmington Hills. The keys had been left in the van, and the door was unlocked.

**CREDIT CARD FRAUD**

**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A credit card company called a Hills woman to report someone had tried to apply for credit in her name. While the applicant had her Social Security number, date of birth and correct name, she said the street address was in Detroit and was mistaken about the proper maiden name of the woman's mother.

**SHOPLIFTING**

**In Farmington Hills:**  
 Two 16-year-old Redford girls were stopped by a loss prevention specialist at Kohl's department store, who alleged they took about \$100 worth of clothing from the store. The store employee said the girls had gone into a fitting room with several

items and came out empty-handed. The clothing was recovered, and their parents were notified.

**CAR ACCIDENTS**

**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A 23-year-old Detroit man driving a 2000 Dodge attempted to turn east on Northwestern from Middlebelt late Tuesday afternoon when another car tried to pass him on the shoulder, struck his car and then fled the scene.

While stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross 9 Mile Road at Middlebelt Sunday afternoon, a 1986 Oldsmobile driven by a 49-year-old Southfield woman was struck from behind by a 1992 Ford driven by a 41-year-old Westland man.

A 59-year-old Southfield man was issued a ticket for failure to stop within an assured, clear distance after the 1995 Toyota he was driving rear-ended a 1992 Mercury that was stopped for a school bus displaying its red lights. The accident occurred at 12 Mile and Balmoral Way.

**DRUNKEN DRIVING/WARRANTS**

**In Farmington Hills:**  
 A records check Hills police ran on a 43-year-old Livonia

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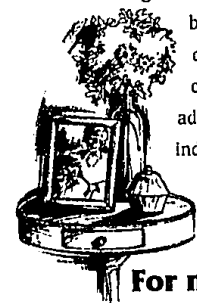
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