

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

The following reports were filed this week with the Farmington Hills Police Department:

ACCIDENTS

A 66-year-old Ypsilanti man was ticketed for failing to stop in an assured, clear distance and failure to show proof of registration and insurance after an accident at Orchard Lake Road and 1496 Monday morning. His minivan rear-ended a Dodge Cirrus, driven by a 37-year-old Farmington Hills woman. Police ticketed a 20-year-old Northville man after an accident at Middlebelt and 11 Mile Monday afternoon, when he admitted he had no insurance. He was also cited for failure to stop in an assured, clear distance. The 39-year-old driver of a 2000 Infinity told police she had been trying to park at Sisters of Mercy on 11 Mile Road, when she left the parking lot and drove over a large boulder. A 1995 Jeep driven by a 34-year-old Novi woman hit a deer shortly after she drove east onto M-6 from west I-696.

THEFTS

An unknown amount of cash was stolen from a business in the 32000 block of Middlebelt, a store manager reported Monday. The money had been kept in 16 cash bags, two of which were dropped on the way out of the store. While there was no sign of a forced entry, police found the cabinet in which the bags were stored had been pried open. The investigating officer believed someone may have hidden inside the business and knew where the bags were kept. Nothing else was stolen. A \$2,500 computer and monitor were taken from a business on Orchard Lake Road sometime over the weekend. Because there was no sign of a break-in, police believe it may be a cleaning crew theft. A 62-year-old Farmington Hills man told police he went out to dinner with his ex-girlfriend, came home and fell asleep, then awoke to find cash, a video camera and leather coat missing. He believes the woman, a 48-year-old Westland resident, may have taken the belongings, because no one else was in the house at the time.

POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Police arrested a 36-year-old Redford man Monday evening, after residents on Randall reported he had been lying on the ground for quite a while. By the time officers arrived, residents said the man had started walking north on Randall. He was later found riding a bike, which he said he bought at a garage sale, though officers couldn't find one going on in the neighborhood. The man then said he had borrowed it, but an adult and child in the home he pointed out said he hadn't. He was charged with possession of stolen property, namely the Schwinn Sidewind bicycle. A background check turned up a warrant for driving under the influence of liquor.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

The manager of Grand Tulane on Grand River reported a 49-year-old man had made several trips outside, while undressed. When officers knocked on the door of his room, he answered

wearing only a shirt. They noticed a strong odor of paint thinner and found materials used for sniffing paint thinner fumes and found probation papers indicating he was not to have contact with drugs, alcohol or inhalants. The man agreed to a voluntary commitment at Botsford Hospital.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION

While in the area on another case May 30, officers from the South Oakland Narcotics Investigation Consortium - involving Farmington Hills, Novi and West Bloomfield - watched four

people in a parked car on Beechwood sharing what appeared to be a marijuana pipe. As the officers identified themselves, the four young people quickly lit cigarettes to mask the odor; however, a smoldering pipe was spotted on the floor of the car. Three adults, a 18-year-old Milford man, a 17-year-old Westland woman, were issued tickets and released. Officers drove a 15-year-old Westland girl to her home. On June 1, an officer on routine patrol stopped a car and smelled freshly burned marijuana as he questioned the driver.

He also saw a partially burned marijuana cigarette in the car's ashtray. When a passenger got out, the officer saw the tip of a marijuana cigarette protruding from the man's pocket. Officers arrested the driver, a Redford man, a 21-year-old Detroit man and a woman from Farmington Hills, who had two baggies of marijuana in her purse. **FORGERY/FRAUD** A 29-year-old West Bloomfield man told Hills police he suspected a 28-year-old Troy man had been forging his name on checks and embezzled money from a company that is no longer in

business. The suspect was an employee. A relative of an 88-year-old Hills woman said someone had stolen and forged checks from the woman's home, stealing a total of about \$4,600. An employee of King Dining Inc., a business located on Northwestern Highway, reported someone has cashed counterfeit checks from the company, with a value of about \$2,600. **BREAKING & ENTERING** A 66-year-old Hills resident returned to his Ardenpark home June 1 to find it had been ransacked. Thieves took a rifle,

women's earrings, men's rings valued at more than \$13,000, a man's bracelet, and more than \$1,000 in cash and quarters. Officers found a rear glass door-wall had been left unlocked. **BLACKMAIL** A 25-year-old Farmington Hills woman told police her boyfriend had extorted \$2,600 from her, with the threat that he would give her family and friends a videotape of them having sex. He initially demanded \$10,000 or that she have sex with him and his cousins. She turned over the initial payment, but he was demanding more cash.

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While there is no connection between the two deaths, Dwyer said it's possible poor lighting was a contributing factor. "We will be studying that roadway to see if that could have been a factor," he said. A department accident reconstructionist has recovered a store security tape near the crash scene that confirms witness accounts. Investigators know other witnesses have information but have not contacted the department. A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the driver. Call Dwyer at 473-9801 or the 24-hour tip line, 248-478-9898.

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