

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

MISSING WHEELS

A woman looking at the new cars Sunday, March 4, at Bob Sellers Pontiac on Grand River called police after she noticed four Trans Ams that were missing their tires and wheels.

ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN

The 44-year-old owner of a house in the 26000 block of Kiltartan called police after noting evidence of an attempted break-in. Police found one pane of a double-pane window broken and a screen that had been pushed up to get to the window. There were pry marks on the window. A seldom-used screen door was also found open. Police believe no entry was gained.

DRUG POSSESSION

Police confiscated 35 Baggies containing marijuana after stopping a 1988 GMC van on Grand River near Eight Mile 11:20 a.m. Friday, March 2.

Officers stopped the van because a brake light was out and the exhaust was loud. The driver, a 29-year-old Detroit man, said his identification burned in a fire and volunteered that his license was suspended and there were warrants out for his arrest.

A check of the man's record revealed an outstanding warrant for entering a vacant house in Detroit and two convictions for driving with a suspended license. A search of the vehicle turned up one joint and 35 bags of marijuana, which were stashed in two hiding places.

INJURY ACCIDENT

Firefighters used hydraulic spreaders to get an injured 17-year-old Farmington Hills girl out of her car after an 18-year-old Farmington man ran a red light, causing an accident 2 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the intersection of Nine Mile and Halsted.

Both were taken to Providence Hospital in Southfield by fire department paramedics. The man, who was ticketed for running the red light, had minor injuries. The girl, a firefighter said, likely had a broken leg.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

At 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, Farmington Hills firefighters responded to a woman in labor on east-bound I-696 at Franklin Road. It was the woman's second pregnancy. After evaluating her condition, she was immediately loaded into the ambulance for transport to Providence Hospital. With firefighters Dan Przeworski and James Neufeld attending the patient, the woman gave birth to a baby girl in the back of the ambulance on the way to Providence.

Also participating in the blessed event were inspectors Paul Cusack, George Baker and Denny Hughes and Michigan

State Police troopers Michael Moseack and Thomas Mathis.

CARBON MONOXIDE

On March 3 Farmington Hills firefighters responded to carbon monoxide alarm activation at 6:20 a.m. at a residence on Mul-lane. On arrival firefighters found carbon monoxide levels in excess of 36 ppm (parts per million) at the front door.

A mother and two children were told to leave the residence. Firefighters donned air-packs and conducted a thorough investigation and found readings of 71 ppm in the basement. A further investigation found readings at the furnace in excess of 600 ppm. A furnace contractor was called and found the heat exchanger cracked. The early activation of the carbon monoxide alarm definitely saved three lives at this residence, said Inspector Michael Kish.

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Grant makes video monitor upgrade possible at FHPD

The Farmington Hills Police Department jail will soon have a modern video monitoring system that is expected to improve safety for officers and prisoners and reduce the city's legal liability.

Police Chief William Dwyer said the digital system will record the input from 16 cameras electronically — not on videotape as the current system

does. The audio will be recorded separately on digital tape.

"Our current system has low resolution and produces videos that are often unusable," Dwyer said.

The chief expects the new system to reduce the incidence of suicide attempts and assaults in the jail.

Dwyer said last year's prisoner escape had no bearing on the purchase of the new system, which wouldn't have prevented the escape anyway. Last year, an armed robbery suspect was released after lying about his identity to an officer; he was recaptured after a manhunt.

"It's just ongoing," he said. "It has nothing to do with the pris-

oner at all."

Although the job must be put out for bids, Dwyer expects it to cost \$24,000. Half of that will be paid for by a grant from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

Dwyer estimates the system will be installed within 90 days.

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