

POLICE CALLS

ROBBERY

Police were called to the Radio Shack at 30879 Orchard Lake road at 5:56 p.m. Thursday to investigate a claim of stolen merchandise. Two women, ages 27 and 45, both from Detroit, were arrested near the store. In their car, police found two DVD players, two televisions and some smaller items taken from the store. The 27-year-old told police a third man and the older woman devised a plan to distract the store's employees to take the merchandise. A cell phone representative at the store noticed one of them taking a TV to the car. The man fled the scene and wasn't found.

PURSE STOLEN

At the Trinity Health Care, 34685 12 Mile, a Barrington, Ill., woman said she put her purse on a table outside the bathroom around 4 p.m. Tuesday and returned from the restroom to find the purse missing. Loss was \$150.

BREAK-INS

In the 30400 block of 14 Mile a

resident reported her condominium was broken into between 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Tuesday. The inside was ransacked and a sterling silver set and jewelry were stolen.

Police responded to a break-in alarm at the Sunoco station at 29370 12 Mile around 6:15 a.m. Thursday. A glass door was broken out to gain entry. Inside, numerous cartons of cigarettes were stolen.

A glass door was also shattered to gain entry to the Dairy Queen at 22290 Middlebelt on Thursday. A delivery man reported the break-in to police, who called the owner in to investigate. A surveillance videotape of the incident showed a man breaking into the building and taking two cash boxes around 1:20 a.m.

During Thursday night, a resident in the 31200 block of Berry Hill St. reported his home was broken into. Bedroom sets, a \$3,500 television, computer equipment and the living room set were stolen. A front window was pried open.

DRUG POSSESSION

Police pulled over a vehicle at 14 Mile and Glenview around 4:30 p.m. Thursday after the driver appeared to want to elude police. The driver began driving erratically after being followed and eventually screamed the car to a stop. The officer opened the driver door and a billow of smoke, smelling of marijuana, came from inside. The officer asked the driver, a 17-year-old Farmington Hills boy, what he was doing and the boy said, "Smoking." The officer found several baggies of marijuana in the vehicle.

Police pulled over a vehicle on M-5 near Haggerty around 4:10 p.m. Wednesday for violating the emergency vehicle caution law. The driver, a 45-year-old Livonia man, was arrested for having crack cocaine under the driver's seat.

Police pulled over a vehicle for speeding along Nine Mile and Tredwell around 12:25 a.m. Thursday. The driver, a 24-year-old Detroit man, was arrested for having marijuana in the

vehicle.

ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN

Police responded to a break-in alarm at Janna's Fine Wine at 24225 Halsted around 6 a.m. Thursday. Police discovered the front glass door shattered, but not broken out. No entry was made.

RETAIL FRAUD

A 38-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested after security at the Kohl's on Grand River stopped him for taking a shirt and a pair of sunglasses without paying around 10:40 a.m. Thursday.

CLOCK STOLEN

A resident in the 28100 block of Thornybrae told officers her \$450 antique clock in her kitchen was taken between Tuesday and Thursday. She said only delivery men were in the house at the time.

—Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports filed with the Farmington Hills Police Department.

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istrative Center, 32500 Shawanawee, just east of Farmington Road.

The forms must be filed by 4 p.m. on April 8. The number of required signatures is 20. School board elections will be held June 10.

R. Jack Inch, 70, and Cathy Webb, 60, currently hold the two, four-year terms which are up for election. Inch has served continuously since 1978; Webb since 1990.

Both will seek re-election. The Farmington Board of Education meets regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of each

month. Board members are paid \$30 for a public meeting. This cannot exceed one meeting a night or 52 meetings a year.

The district encompasses the city of Farmington, most of the city of Farmington Hills and a portion of west Bloomfield Township, north of 14 Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt. It has about a \$130 million budget with more than 12,000 students.

For more information call Cheryl Cannon, assistant superintendent of business, finance and operations, or her secretary Judy Steinhel at (248) 489-3341

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Judge holds off ruling on SWOCC suit

BY PAUL R. PACE STAFF WRITER ppace@observer.com

The verdict is still out on whether a judge agrees with a local cable access user's claim that his free speech rights are being violated by SWOCC.

Todd Levitt, who hosts his "The Todd L. Levitt" show on the Southwestern Oakland County Cable Commission, is asking a

judge to consider the cable authority's rule as a violation of his first amendment rights.

On Wednesday, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Deborah Tyler took the summary judgment request by Levitt's attorney under advisement and told the attorney she will issue a written decision. No date was set for the opinion to be delivered, but Levitt's attorney, Stephen

Tyler, said it should be in a few days. Tyler is asking the judge to declare SWOCC's rules and regulations unconstitutional.

Levitt's talk show pokes fun at lawyers, Tyler said. Levitt was suspended from the studio for two months by the commission for violating a rule that no alcohol is allowed on the studio premises for a wine tasting show he did in 2000.

He later had a disagreement with SWOCC director Karen Collins about broadcasting a show he believed needed to be redone. He has since produced his show at other studios.

Collins contends Levitt must follow the same rules as everyone else and that she has based her decisions on operational procedures, not on the content of Levitt's show.

OBITUARIES

WILLIE MAE GRIMES

Funeral services were Saturday for Willie Mae Grimes, 82, of Farmington Hills at Nardin Park United Methodist Church. The Rev. Benjamin Bohnsack officiated. Burial was at Aencia Park Cemetery in Birmingham, under the direction of Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mrs. Grimes was born Sept. 6, 1919 in Warm Springs, Ga. She died March 28 in Royal Oak. She was retired from her job as a member of a hospital house-keeping staff. Mrs. Grimes was a member of St. Patrick's Senior Center in Detroit.

She is survived by her daughter, Ruthie J. Peterson of Farmington Hills; step-daughter Pendi Gordon; granddaughters, Cinarlishwa; Garneda, and step-grandson, Charles Walker of Little Rock, Ark.; and great-grandsons Maurice, Alexander and Julian.

"Mrs. Grimes was preceded in death by her husband, Otis. "The family requests donations to a charity of the donor's choice.

CLARENCE ALBERT LISK

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday for Clarence Albert Lisk, 70, of Farmington Hills. Visitation is Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

"Mr. Lisk was born in Detroit; he died March 28. He was a resident of Livonia before moving to Farmington Hills in 1985. He was the owner of an Amoco Service Station in Bloomfield Hills.

"Mr. Lisk was a veteran of the Korean War. He loved animals, fishing, traveling and landscaping. He was a member of Antioch Lutheran Church.

He is survived by Carol, his wife of 46 years; sons, Steve (Karia) and Tom; a daughter, Karen (Rich) Butkowsk; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Antioch Lutheran Church or William Beaumont Hospice.

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