Hills police warn about 'key leaving' business scam artist

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Farmington Hills Police are warning business to be on the look out for a scam artist after two businesses

artist after two businesses suffered the same scam on Nov. 26 and 29.

The man goes into businesses claiming he's an employee of a nearby business. He then says he needs to borrow money to start the day because the safe is broke. He leaves his keys and says he'll be back in about an hour to retrieve the keys and return the cash, but doesn't. He has posed as an employee of pizza places, gas stations and video stores, police said. In one instance, the man

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appeared wearing a Mobile gas station shirt with the name "Modar" on it. The man is described as white, 6-feet-10 inches, 210 pounds, short brown hair, large build, light skin and in his late 30s. He was seen driving a white Buick Regal.

Underage drinking

Police responded to an accident around 1:12 a.m.
Thursday, in which a car hit a tree on Ashley near
Stockton. Witnesses told police about a person who

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left the scene. The driver, an 18-year-old Farmington Hills man, returned with friends to tow the vehicle. Police gave him a breath test and it registered a .09. He was ticketed for driving while impaired.

Possible arson

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Police responded to a truck
fire around 8:45 p.m.
Thursday in the 20800 of
Orehard Lake. Neighbors
said they heard an explosion
and saw the truck on fire.
The fire department put out
the blaze. The owner said he
knew possible suspects.

Car break-ins

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Two vehicles parked at the
Faith Covenant Church on 14
Mile had their windows broken to gain entry between 69 p.m. Thursday, A \$2,500
laptop was stolen from one
ear; an \$800 briefease was
taken from the other.

No license
Police pulled over a vehicle
along 12 Mile and Bayberry
around 11:51 a.m. Thursday
for speeding. The driver, an
Beycar-old Farmington
Hills man, did not have a
valid driver's license. He told
the officer he failed to pass
his driver's test at the
Secretary of State.

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

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Diane Hardin (center left) explains the design of the diversity quilt to AAUW members Carol Malzone, Ruth Klehm and Mary Elizabeth Holfman.

Diversity quilt on display at Costick

The Farmington Branch of AAUW is spon-soring the display of the Metro Detroit Diversity Quilt in the gallery of the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills now through Dec. 31. Hours for viewing are 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. daily.

The quilt was made by women of varied cultures from the diverse backgrounds of the

early settlers from 300 years ago to the pres-

ent.
There are 56 eight-inch squares depicting
the ethnic background from Potawatomi to
the French, English, Polish, Turkish, Korean,
Finnish and many others.
After Dec. 31, the quilt will have a permanent home at the Michigan Historical
Museum in Lansing.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holiday Brass
Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings present Holiday Brass at 7:30
p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.
Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for students.

The Barbara Halch School of Dance in Farmington presents the Nutcracker Ballet at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 at West Bloomfield High School, Tickets are \$12 and \$10 for

Yule Cheer

The Farmington Community Chorus presents Yule Cheer at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday Dec. 20 and 21 at the Mercy High School

Auditorium in Farmington Hills. (810) 632-4067.

Hollday Music

Farmington High School presents *Husic for the Holidays* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12 in the school auditorium.

Hollday Instrumental North Farmington High School will hold a Holiday Instrumental Concert at 7:30 pm. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 10-12 in the school auditorium.

A Tuna Christmas

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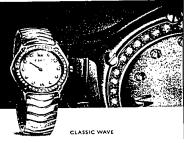


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