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Oakland County news briefs: Man faces charges in car parts theft

ORION TOWNSHIP: Man faces charges in car parts theft

A Detroit man could face charges today after Oakland County Sheriff's Office deputies say he stole about \$15,000 worth of car parts in Orion Township.

Erik Anton Tyus, 35, was arrested Tuesday morning after deputies were sent to Golling Pontiac GMC on Lapeer Road on a report of a theft.

Deputies found Tyus --who is currently on parole for larceny after being convicted in St. Clair County - in a van on the property of the dealership.

He fled north on Lapeer Road, and turned east on Clarkston Road. According to deputies, Tyus turned off his headlights and turned onto Kern Road, where he drove off the road and hit a tree before running away.

Tyus eventually was arrested and deputies found the car parts in his van.

Deputies are seeking warrants for larceny from auto, possession of burglary tools, fleeing and eluding, resisting arrest and driving with a suspended license.

Tyus is at the Oakland County Jail.

FARMINGTON HILLS: Deputy chief to get top fire department post

Farmington Hills has a new fire chief after the City Council voted Monday to promote Deputy Chief Corey Bartsch.

City Manager Steve Brock made the recommendation for Bartsch, who has been with the department for about 20 years.

Current Fire Chief Richard Marinucci is retiring; his last day is Dec. 16. Marinucci is to become fire chief in Northville Township in January.

PONTIAC: Recount scheduled in commission race

The Oakland County Board of Canvassers will recount votes from Troy's 27th Precinct in the race for county commission.

Incumbent Democrat Tim Burns won re-election by 127 votes over Republican Mike Bosnic, who requested the recount on Monday.

Burns carried the precinct by 187 votes out of 738 ballots cast, including absentee ballots. Bosnic's lawyer, John Pirich, said the precinct was recently reconfigured and there was some question as to where the voters were supposed to cast their ballots.

SOUTHFIELD: Comments sought on redevelopment plan

The public can weigh in on a proposed Neighborhood Stabilization program plan that calls for using portions of a \$3.2-million federal grant to purchase foreclosed, vacant properties.

The public can review and comment on the plan through Friday.

The comments, along with the approved plan, are to be submitted by Monday to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which provided the grant.

The plan can be found on the city's Web site at www.cityofsouthfield.com.

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