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Student arraigned on theft charges in Rochester Hills

ROCHESTER HILLS

A homeless Oakland University student believed to have used unlocked cars to stay warm was arraigned on charges of stealing a car parked in a Rochester Hills garage, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office said Saturday.

The 17-year-old from Addison Township was charged Friday in 52-3 District Court in Rochester Hills with first-degree home invasion, unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle and larceny from a vehicle. He was in Oakland County Jail in lieu of a \$15,000 bond.

According to the sheriff's office, between Nov. 24 and Nov. 25, the teen took a garage-door remote from inside an unlocked car on Rocky Crest. Police said the teen opened the garage door to find a Saturn with the key in the ignition. He stole the Saturn, which police recovered Monday.

A Rite Aid store receipt in the Saturn led a detective to a store in Rochester Hills to review the surveillance tape. Sheriff's detectives recognized the teen at a Rochester Hills restaurant Thursday and arrested him.

COUNTY-WIDE: Free holiday tree recycling offered

Residents can go green after the holidays this year by recycling their Christmas trees.

Several Oakland County parks are to recycle used trees from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily from Dec. 26 to Jan. 12. Two parks, Independence Oaks and Orion Oaks, will take trees until Jan. 26.

The trees are to be processed into wood chips, which will then be given to the public at Orion Oaks in 2009.

For information, visit www.oakgov/parksrec or call 248-858-0906 anytime.

BERKLEY: E-mails a hoax, school board president says

Berkley school board president Marc Katz wants folks to know that he is not broke in England.

But using his name, a hacker sent a scam e-mail last week to an estimated 600 people requesting an instant loan "of \$3,500 to sort out my hotel bills and get myself back home," Katz said.

The hacker closed the e-mail with a list of Katz' actual titles with the Optimist International service club. No one seems to have fallen for the fraud, Katz said. He changed his e-mail address last week.

The e-mail's recipients included school employees and Optimist club members. Katz, 57, of Berkley is vice president-elect of the international volunteer group.

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