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Public Safety

(Rug) Doctor in garage

A carpet cleaner that a Milford resident reportedly rented for a day yet kept in her garage for more than two months was finally returned after police told the woman she could face felony charges. The manager of the grocery store where the woman rented the machine contacted Milford police, who then went to her home on Ledgwood. Initially, the woman told police she returned the machine, then said she had to keep exchanging machines until she got one that worked, yet no paperwork had been completed to indicate that, according to reports. When police said they didn't believe her and she could be charged with a felony, she turned over the machine to police.

Tires slashed

A homeowner in the 800 block of Laurel Lane reported someone slashed three tires on his pickup truck, on Oct. 6 or 7. Damage was noted to his bumper, as well.

Rock tossed

A driver travelling near Oakland Street and Old Plank Road told Milford police a kid threw a large rock at his car recently, damaging the windshield and its frame. Police said he told them the kid took off running into Oak Grove Cemetery, but police were unable to locate him.

Broken jaw

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies are investigating a complaint from a man who said he was punched in the mouth at a house party in the 2200 block of Douglas in Highland on Oct. 12, and his jaw was broken. He reportedly said the assailant accused him of stealing his iPod and phone, but another man had the items and returned them.

Teens face B&E charges

The manager of Highland Greens Estates in Highland wants to press charges after finding five teens inside a vacant trailer home recently. He reportedly told sheriff's deputies that this is a continuing problem. The teens caught include two 18-year-old Highland men, a 17-year-old Highland boy, a 15-year-old Highland girl and a 15-year-old Milford girl. The older teens were cited for breaking and entering. A petition was sent to probate court for the two girls.

Stolen go-cart

A go-cart was discovered missing from a yard on Grant Drive in Highland on Oct. 18. It's valued at \$150.

Assault and battery

A 23-year-old Commerce man was the victim of an apparent assault and battery Oct. 6, according to deputies at the Oakland County Sheriff's Office substation in Commerce.

Deputies said the man told them he was traveling down Marcello Street when the driver of a Ford Explorer pulled out of a driveway ahead of him, slammed on his brakes and then approached him. The 23-year-old said he rolled down his window to find out what the other man wanted, and he was punched multiple times in the face. The assailant then drove away, according to reports.

The alleged victim had swelling on his face and a split lip, deputies said, but refused medical treatment.

He provided information on the alleged assailant's vehicle, but deputies were unable to locate it.

Vehicle break-ins

One or more thieves targeted at least three families' vehicles for break-ins in the Lake Sherwood area of Commerce Township recently, according to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Vehicles parked near two homes in the 5000 block of Surfwood and one vehicle in the 4900 block of Ledgwood were reportedly entered and items stolen from them last week. The sheriff's deputies said it appears all the vehicles had been left unlocked. Missing property included a Sirius radio, GPS, Palm Pilot, iPod and stereo equipment. Lt. Clay Jansson, commander of the OCSO Commerce substation, reminds residents to keep their vehicles locked. "Be a partner in (preventing) this," he said.

Kid starts fire

A 13-year-old Milford boy is being referred to Huron Valley Youth Assistance after police said he started a small fire Oct. 11 on the grounds Baker Elementary School, melting a piece of playground equipment. Witnesses put out the fire and then pointed out to police the teen and his 3-year-old cousin. At first, police said, the teen said the fire started on its own, but then tearfully admitted the caper. He reportedly said he had found some rubber cement and lit it on fire beneath the playground equipment to see if it would burn. He tried to stomp out the flames, but they caught some wood chips on fire and then melted part of the playground equipment. Police spoke with the teen's dad who reportedly said he didn't like the way his son had been acting lately and wanted him jailed. Police explained a report will be filed with Huron Valley Youth Assistance instead.

From pick up to lock up

Milford police spotted a 28-year-old man walking along Pontiac Trail around 2:30 a.m. on Oct. 2, offered him a ride and ended up arresting him on an outstanding felony warrant.

Police said the man told them he was headed to Childs Lake Estates trailer park from a gas station in New Hudson. After he accepted the offer for a ride and identified himself, police ran his name through the Law Enforcement Information Network and discovered he was wanted for a patrol violation and breaking and entering in Port Huron. He was lodged at the Milford jail until authorities from Port Huron could pick him up.

Stolen vehicles

Milford police are investigating recently-reported thefts of a stake truck and a dirt bike. The stake truck was reported missing from a business in the 4900 block of Technical Drive on Oct. 13, and could have been gone since the Friday before, its owner said. The dirt bike was abandoned by two riders after crashing it on Oct. 12, near Garner and Dawson. When one of the riders later came back with her dad to get the bike, it was gone.
