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Cop calls

Under the influence

On Dec. 12, an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy was patrolling on westbound Grand River near Lyon Center Drive in Lyon Township when he observed a blue Chevy Cavalier weaving between lanes, police said. When the driver of the vehicle, a 27-year-old Whitmore Lake man, proceeded to drive left of the center yellow line, the deputy pulled him over, police said.

According to police reports, the man appeared to be under the influence of a drug or narcotic. His speech was slurred and he seemed confused, police said. He admitted to the deputy that he had taken some Vicodin pills along with Zantacs earlier in the evening, police said.

The deputy asked if it was wise for him to be driving while on the pills, and he responded, "probably not," police said.

After exiting the vehicle, the man had trouble standing up and maintaining his balance, police said. He was given a field sobriety test, and then transported to Providence Park Hospital in Novi for a blood test. After his blood was drawn, he was admitted to the hospital for medical evaluation. His car was impounded and towed.

The deputy searched the car and reportedly found several pills of Flexeril (muscle relaxer), a bag of marijuana and pipe (both were destroyed at the scene), police said. The man was charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Chainsaws ripped off

On Dec. 13, an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy was dispatched to Terrace Street in Lyon Township's Country Meadows mobile home park on a larceny report. The homeowner said someone had stolen two chainsaws and a log splitter sometime between 2 p.m. Dec. 8 and 3:30 p.m. Dec. 13, police said.

According to the report, the two Stihl Farm Boss chainsaws were in a locked shed, and the log splitter had been chained to a tree behind his trailer. The chain and lock were gone, and presumably cut off and taken with the other items. The splitter is a 20-ton yard machine. There are no suspects at this time.

Family trouble

On Dec. 12, Oakland County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 23000 block of Outback Drive to help with a family disturbance, police said. According to the police report, the female homeowner told the deputies she had returned home around 8 p.m. to find her 33-year-old son "huffing" a canister of compressed air.

The deputies found the man in his bedroom in the basement. He was awake and conscious. While the deputies were speaking to him, he began yelling at his mother and stood up in an aggressive manner, police said. When he began walking toward her, he was ordered to stop and refused, police said.

Deputies placed the man in a wrist lock and put him back in his bed, police said. They did a background check on the man, and found he had a misdemeanor warrant for failing to appear in court out of Livonia, police said.

Lyon Township Fire Department and Huron Valley Ambulance personnel arrived on the scene to medically clear the man. He was arrested and transported to Eight Mile Road and Taft Road, where Livonia officers picked him up.
