

Offbeat: The Sunday Offbeat
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It's probably pretty stressful to see the police knocking on your door when you're wanted for outstanding warrants, and it seems this guy just couldn't handle that stress.



Fenton police were checking with residents in an apartment complex on Jan. 17 to see if anyone saw someone slash the tires of a car in the parking lot the night before.

One of the residents, a 19-year-old man, answered the door then asked for a moment before police said he took off out the apartment's back window.

Turns out the man had nothing to do with slashing the tires but did have warrants out of Stockbridge.

Police caught up with him and turned him over to Stockbridge police.

On the bright side, at least he was polite enough to ask for a moment — he just didn't specify how long of a moment.

High flying

This guy was not so polite — instead he allegedly led police on a long chase because he reportedly needed a moment to smoke his crack.

Burton police tried to pull the 31-year-old over on Jan. 15 for reckless driving, said Leyton.

Instead of stopping, the guy allegedly kept on going right into a chain-link fence.

When caught, he reportedly told police he fled because he wanted to smoke his crack and did so during the chase, said Leyton.

“That just goes to show how addicting crack is — he needed to have his last high before he went to jail,” said Leyton.

The chase got the guy charges for third-degree fleeing and eluding.

Not so friendly fight

I know it's a bummer if a friend doesn't want to hang out, but this reaction is just out of hand.

After finding out his friend didn't want to hang out anymore Tuesday night, a 31-year-old man allegedly beat the friend with a broken shovel handle, putting the 34-year-old victim in the hospital with a bump on the head and cuts on his head and forearms, according to Flint police reports.

Now who wouldn't want to hang out with a friend with a temper like that?

Congrats are in order

Congrats to Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell who was nominated for the national Ferris E. Lucas Award for Sheriff of the Year.

The winner of the award was expected to be announced Saturday.

Terrence L. Jungel, executive director of the Michigan Sheriff's Association, said no sheriff from Michigan has ever won the award and called the nomination a testimonial to Pickell's service.

There are more than 3,000 sheriffs nationally.

"I think he's a leader by example for his fellow sheriffs in Michigan," said Jungel.