



Police Crime Alert

Community Services Section

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Crime Alert for period ending August 25, 2006

There will be no crime alert on September 1, 2006 and will return on September 8, 2006

Auto/Vehicle Thefts:

Detroit, 8/17

DPD recovered a '07 Pontiac Montana van originally reported stolen from Oakland Mall in Troy on 8/8 abandoned on a street in their town.

Embassy Suites, 850 Tower, 8/17-8/18, 1800-0630 hrs.

'89 Chevy Caprice stolen from lot.

John R, 8/13-8/20

VW Jetta reported stolen from apartment lot. Apparently complainant parked it in a tow away zone prior to going out of town, and upon return found it missing. The lot was re-paved during her absence. Unable to contact apartment management regarding a possible tow to allow access for construction at time of report.

Kirts, 8/18-8/21

'94 Suzuki motorcycle stolen from apartment complex lot.

John R and 14 Mile, 8/18, 1850 hrs.

Plain-clothes officers located a red Dodge Ram pickup driving through numerous lots in the area

Events & Programs

Please click on below link for community events for the coming August 25th-September 8th Weeks!

<http://www.ci.troy.mi.us/calendar/>

Other upcoming Events

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without stopping, parking, or entering business associated with the lots it was observed driving through. The suspects continued driving through numerous parking lots in Troy, Madison Heights, and Warren, including malls, strip malls, businesses, and an auto dealership. In a strip mall parking lot at 12 Mile and Van Dyke, a male passenger from the Ram forced entry into a Dodge Stratus and attempted to steal the vehicle. He was unsuccessful and re-entered the Ram, which was able to evade officers' attempts to affect an arrest by striking several of their vehicles in the parking lot as they attempted to get it stopped. The suspect vehicle was able to break out of the stop attempt and fled E/B on 12 Mile. The suspect vehicle was later found to have been stolen, but not yet reported out of Detroit. It was later recovered abandoned in Detroit.

Crash Investigations:

Rochester and Rankin, 8/22, 1705 hrs.

Officer had taken a hit and run property damage crash report that occurred at Rankin and Rochester on 7/18/06. At the time, the female driver of the suspect vehicle stopped after sideswiping the victim's car with the passenger side view mirror of the suspect's vehicle. The victim's car was stopped and disabled in the street at the time. The suspect told the victim she thought she had cleared her, and advised she was going to pull off the roadway, but re-entered her car and drove off without identifying herself. The victim provided a description of the vehicle as a beige Ford Explorer and a possible plate number. The same officer was in the same area on 8/22 when he observed a beige Ford Explorer with that plate turn onto Rochester from Rankin. The passenger side view mirror on the Explorer was broken. The officer stopped it. The 25-year-old female driver from Southfield initially denied being involved in the prior crash, however eventually admitted being the driver. She claimed she had stopped and identified herself to the other driver. Her driver's license was suspended, for which she was arrested. She was also charged with "Failing to Stop and Identify Herself at the Scene of a Crash."

Credit, Check, Identity Theft, and other Fraud:

Complainant reported she entered into some sort of business agreement with a 45-year-old male she believes is from Troy wherein he purchased four homes in Detroit, as well as three cars in her name. Apparently he rented out the homes and cars; she was promised some profits from the rentals. She has begun receiving collection notices on the cars. She checked the mortgages on the houses and they are up to date, but fears additional purchases will be made using her information.

Foot Locker, 412 W. 14 Mile, 8/17, 2055 hrs.

Subject made a \$540.55 purchase using a credit card. The transaction went through, however upon closer inspection, the clerk discovered the numbers on the card were different from the account numbers printed out on the receipt. The sale was refused. The subject left the card behind when he

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Crime Prevention Tips

Vandalism Prevention

The best way to protect yourself from this crime, or from being held financially responsible for the acts of your kids, is to know where your children are, what they are doing, and whom their friends are. Kids are very tech-savvy, and use the latest means to communicate. We have had numerous cases where middle and high-school aged kids have made clandestine plans using their home computer and instant-messaging programs (AIM, Yahoo Messenger, etc.) to communicate with their friends, unbeknownst to their parents (no phones ringing in the middle of

left. It appears the card did belong to the subject who presented it, however the magnetic strip on the card was altered to another account number. Investigation continues.

- Complainant's driver's license and check card were stolen. Account number used to fraudulently purchase a round trip plane fare from Cincinnati to Albuquerque for \$348.70.

Complainants reported four fraudulent credit card accounts were fraudulently opened using their personal information. They discovered the fraud apparently after receiving notice regarding the past due accounts. A valid account they possess had fraudulent charges made against it.

Louis Vitton, 2801 W. Big Beaver, 8/22, 1320 hrs.

Officers responded to a report that three male subjects had just attempted to make purchases with what was suspected were fraudulent credit cards. One made a credit card purchase for \$1749.00. A second attempted a purchase of a \$500.00 wallet, using two different credit cards, neither of which cleared. When the cashier retained the second card to attempt to verify it, all three left the store. That card was left behind and was confirmed fraudulent, as was the card used to make the earlier \$1749.00 purchase. The merchandise involved in that purchase was dumped by the suspect after he exited the store and before he exited the mall. Officers located two of the three subjects walking along Big Beaver near Coolidge and detained them. One was identified as the subject who made the \$1749.00 purchase with the fraudulent card. The other was identified as the subject who had attempted the transaction involving the \$500.00 wallet with the other fraudulent card. One of the two was observed stuffing items into the bushes outside the mall after they left. Mall Security personnel recovered three credit cards, including the fraudulent card used in the first transaction from those bushes. Both suspects were arrested. One was in possession of a receipt for a \$2648.94 credit card purchase from another store in the mall that had been processed using the fraudulent card used in the second Louis Vitton purchase attempt. That store was contacted and advised. Mall Security personnel had observed the third subject dump a leather wallet in the bushes on the west side of the mall, before losing track of him as he exited. That wallet contained 7 different credit cards all in the same name, along with an Indiana driver's license in the same name as that on the cards. All seven cards were later determined to be counterfeited using real account numbers, one from an individual as far away as Great Britain. The suspects were tentatively identified as 20 and 19 years old from New York.

Two separate reports taken involving unauthorized use of complainants' credit account numbers to make fraudulent purchases via the Internet. In one case the purchase was for \$159.00, in the other it was for \$901.00.

Complainant reported discovering five fraudulent credit card accounts opened in his name when he obtained a credit report during the course of applying for a loan.

the night.) They sneak out of the house and meet up to go and commit all sorts of crimes. This is not only illegal, but it is very dangerous.

- Talk with your kids and encourage them to tell you about any problems with other kids.
- Monitor your child's instant messages.
- Don't put computers with Internet access in their bedrooms.
- Lock the doors to the house and set alarms when you go to bed.
- Make a habit of checking on the kids, no matter what age, in the middle of the night, just to make sure they are where they are supposed to be (especially when hosting sleepovers.) Let them know that you are checking.
- Check your vehicles for new damage or signs of being involved in vandalism - Mud on tires or wheel-wells, baseball bats with gouges or glass in them, egg cartons, knives or other sharp objects that are out of place in a car, cans of spray paint or shaving cream (yes shaving cream and eggs damage paint.)

If you suspect that your kids have been out vandalizing property, or committing any other crimes, you can contact the Police Department Juvenile Unit, or Troy Youth Assistance for advice.

- Complainant reported losing her credit card and then discovering a fraudulent purchase made at a gas station in Troy when she contacted her bank to cancel it.

Domestics/Family Troubles:

36-year-old male from Troy arrived at parent's home and requested his mother withdraw money for him via her ATM card. When she refused, he took her purse, went through it, and stole several hundred dollars. Apparently he has a crack cocaine addiction. He has been evicted from the residence; possible criminal charges pending.

Complainants came to station to report their home was entered through a bathroom window while they were at work. The 29 and 24 year old sons who no longer live there are suspected, as most of which was taken appears to be their belongings.

Officers responded to a report that an 18-year-old female from Troy had punched her mother in the chest. Upon arrival, the suspect had left. Investigation continues.

Troy Officers responded to six incidents involving family troubles/domestic disputes where investigation revealed no assaults or other crimes occurred, therefore no formal enforcement action taken/required.

Drugs/Narcotics:

- Courtyard by Marriott Lot, 1525 E. Maple, 8/21, 0220 hrs.

Officers observed a male and female approaching a gray '92 GMC Sierra pickup in the lot. The 46-year-old female from Clawson was carrying a pry bar, while the 45-year-old male from Clawson carried a suitcase. Upon questioning them, they initially claimed they had just been at a nearby restaurant, but couldn't explain why they hadn't parked in the restaurant lot rather than in the hotel lot. A query on the truck revealed it had been stolen out of Clawson. Follow-up with Clawson revealed the vehicle had been stolen from a fenced in lot wherein the suspects cut the lock to gain access to the vehicle. The female eventually indicated the vehicle belonged to her boss. The male had the keys. Both suspects were found in possession of a small amount of crack cocaine and paraphernalia consistent with its use. Both were arrested. Inside the suitcase were numerous tools, a bolt cutters was confiscated from inside the truck, as was the pry bar.

Rite Aid, 2971 W. Maple, 7/21-8/9

Officers dispatched to assist Clawson PD conducting follow-up on possible prescription fraud from their jurisdiction, discovered the 30-year-old male suspect from Troy had passed four counterfeit

Juvenile Unit – 248-524-3451
[Youth Assistance](#) - 248-823-5095

General

If you witness a crime:

- Ø get involved
- Ø call the police

It is easier to catch a criminal if we are called right away, while they are still in the area.

Larcenies from Autos / Car Theft

Things that can be done to combat auto theft and larcenies from autos include:

- Ø Installing a car alarm.
- Ø Using steering-wheel locking applications like the club etc.
- Ø Applications of a hidden kill switch to the ignition system.
- Ø Park in a well lit well traveled area if possible.
- Ø Always maintain security of vehicle keys.

Suspicious Incidents / people

If it appears that someone is up to no-good, they probably are. Call the Police immediately. We are trained to investigate suspicious

prescriptions for antidepressants and tranquilizers at that location during the above period.

S/B I-75 near Long Lake, 8/22, 1445 hrs.

'96 Dodge Stratus was stopped by officers for speeding 96 mph in posted 65 mph zone. During the stop, 2.5 grams of marijuana and a marijuana pipe were located inside the vehicle for which the 26-year-old male driver from Goodrich was arrested.

S/B Rochester near South Blvd., 8/22, 0014 hrs.

Officers observed a red Saturn exit a gas station lot at a high rate of speed, squealing its tires. After stopping for a red signal, the Saturn again accelerated at a high rate of speed, squealing its tires, as the light turned green. Officers stopped the vehicle. The 24-year-old male driver from Berkley had a suspended driver's license for which he was arrested. During a search of his person after arrest, two baggies containing approximately 5 grams of marijuana and a pillbox containing 15 Ecstasy pills were located in his pockets for which he was also charged

Drunk/Intoxicated Driving Incidents of Interest:

Rear Lot Gorman's Furniture, 8/19, 0825 hrs.

Officers responded to a report of a male passed out in a green Explorer in the rear lot. Complainant stated it appeared the vehicle had struck the building. Upon arrival, officers located a 21-year-old male from Clinton Twp. inside the vehicle. It was off, but the keys were still in the ignition. He was reclining in the seat, had no shirt on, and his pants were down past his hips, with his underwear down exposing his buttocks. After several knocks at the window, he eventually woke up. He smelled strongly of intoxicants. He initially provided several conflicting explanations as to how he got in the lot. He eventually explained he arrived at the location late the night before and parked in the lot after starting out and realizing he is not supposed to be drinking and driving. He claimed he had 9 beers at a bar on Van Dyke the night before. He was unsteady on his feet and had trouble keeping his balance. He failed sobriety tests and was arrested. He blew a .14 on a breath test and due to a prior conviction for "Drunk Driving" in June of '05, he was charged as a second offense.

Coachman, 8/18, 0220 hrs.

Officers responded to a call of a hit and run crash wherein a Chevy Impala struck a parked '07 Ford pickup, blew out a tire, sustained heavy front end damage, but continued driving after the crash. On Star contacted Troy PD and reported receiving an air bag deployment on a Chevy Impala in the area of the crash. A license plate was provided. Officers located the suspect vehicle west of the crash scene driving around a dead-end court. The vehicle was stopped, the 22-year-old male driver from Troy initially claimed someone else was driving earlier and had returned the car to him all smashed up. He eventually admitted driving the car, but denied striking the pickup. He claimed he was en-route home from a bar intent on feeding his dog and using the bathroom. He eventually admitted

circumstances and determine if criminal activity is afoot.

The best security system that you can have is a "Nosy Neighbor." Encourage your neighbors to be "Nosy," especially if there is strange activity around your property. Return the favor by keeping a watchful eye on their property and reporting it immediately. This is the basis for the Neighborhood Watch program.

If someone or something seems "suspicious" to you or makes you feel uncomfortable, there is probably good reason for it. Don't get into the habit of second-guessing your intuition and instinct.

Sexual predators are usually progressive, starting out with public exposure and leading to more risky and dangerous behaviors. You can check the state of Michigan registered sex offenders list at www.mipsor.state.mi.us for offenders that live in your area.

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Ø **Do not leave anything of value in your vehicle in plain view.**

Ø Always lock your vehicle doors.

Ø Never leave a vehicle unattended while running.

being in the crash. He failed sobriety tests, blew a .26 on a PBT, and was arrested for "Drunk Driving" and "Leaving the Scene of a Crash." He became verbally abusive toward officers and attempted to strike his head against the security screen of the patrol car once secured inside, protesting his arrest, arguing he was nearly home. Toxicology results pending regarding a blood draw performed at the station.

Embezzlements:

Marshall Field's, 500 W. 14 Mile, 6/30-8/17

LPO's (Loss Prevention Officers) filed a report against a former 18-year-old female employee from Farmington who was a cashier. She is suspected of a total of \$1751.60 in fraudulent returns, cash theft from the terminals, and fraudulent credits to her own account. The suspect admitted the thefts and indicated a willingness to make restitution. Prosecution pending.

Home Invasions:

Alisop Place, 8/13-8/20

Apartment door pried and the inside gone through. Three handguns and three watches were stolen, as were two bottles of champagne. A metal pry bar used to gain entry was recovered from a bedroom.

Stalwart, 8/21, 1600-1730 hrs.

Complainant reported he was working on his parents' home while they were away. He left for a short period of time and when he returned all of his power tools were missing. Approximate value: \$1200.00. No sign of forced entry.

Larcenies:

Carlson Marketing, 2800 Livernois, 8/8-8/15

Complainant accidentally left storage room door unlocked and a purse, computer memory card, and digital photo frames were stolen. A contractor was observed as he entered the storage area and then left carrying a box on the 8th. Unknown if related.

Car Wash Lot, 3688 Rochester, 8/20, 1730 hrs.

Complainant set her purse on the pavement while she vacuumed her car and forgot her purse. When she returned, it was gone.

Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, 8/20, 1545 hrs.

Complainant stated he was attending a seminar, paid for some items at a display table and left his

Ø There is a trend of things being stolen from vehicles in the parking lots of fitness centers and fun centers. While going to these places, be extra careful to remove all items of value and secure your vehicle.

wallet behind. When he returned for it, it was gone.

Oakland Mall Lot, 4112 W. 14 Mile, 8/21, 1905 hrs.

After exiting the mall a female complainant was pushing a stroller with her two small children through the lot and reported being approached by two males who were on foot. One grabbed the diaper bag from near the handle of the stroller. Both suspects fled to a nearby car, which was last seen driving toward John R. The contents of the diaper bag included a small amount of money and a bank statement. Suspects: B/M, 20's, 6-0, medium to stocky build, light T-shirt and dark shorts; #2 is a B/M, 20's, 5-4, thin build, braided hair. Vehicle: Late model blue Ford Mustang 2D hardtop.

Allied Metals, 1750 Stephenson, 0030 hrs.

Complainant discovered a bar code scanner, digital camera, two palm pilots, four two-way radios, and chargers, stolen from office over the weekend. Investigation revealed a substitute cleaning person cleaned the building and apparently allowed three male associates access inside. The males allegedly stole the items. She returned some of the merchandise to her employer who in turn returned it to complainant. She is a 16 year old female from Warren, the males are a 43 year old, a 17 year old, and the age of the third is unknown. All are also from Warren. Charges pending.

Burger King, 35 E. 14 Mile, 8/22, 2030-2130 hrs.

Complainant reported her purse was stolen from behind the counter while she worked. She found it, with nothing missing, inside the trash dumpster outside. She stated she looked there, because she observed one of the other employees take out the trash shortly after discovering her purse missing. He was already gone when officers arrived.

Larcenies from Autos:

Vermont, 8/21, 1930-2000 hrs.

Cell phone stolen from back seat of unlocked '04 Chevy Trailblazer parked in the street.

Clarke, 8/20-8/21, 2200-0730 hrs.

GPS monitor stolen from unlocked '03 Pontiac Montana.

Malicious Destruction of Property:

Downey, 8/18, 0430 hrs.

Complainant awakened by a loud noise discovered the front window of his residence broken. Exterior pane of glass was broken, while interior pane held. Unknown what was used to do the damage.

Marble, 8/19, 0220-0240 hrs.

'00 Chevy Van and '00 Pontiac Grand Prix parked in street had windows shattered. When complainant heard several loud bangs outside, she looked out to observe a black Dodge Ram squealing its tires and driving away. Complainant indicated experiencing a problem with a male earlier in the day. The pickup observed driving away from the scene is consistent with a vehicle owned by that individual's family. Investigation continues.

Office Lot, 2250 Butterfield, 8/21, 0800-1442 hrs.

'99 Chevy Malibu keyed.

Tothill, 8/19-8/20

Rear taillights of '92 Honda parked in drive smashed out.

Neighbor Troubles:

Complainant came to station to report neighbor came over and rudely complained about a bonfire his family had going in yard. Complainant objected to neighbor's trespass upon his property and the language used.

Phone Calls/Harassment/Threats:

One obscene "text messaging" complaint taken.

One threatening call report, one harassing call report, and one obscene call report were taken/made.

Suspicious Incidents:

Marshall's, 2029 W. Maple, 8/17, 1330 hrs.

Complainant stated he set his keys down while trying on shoes. When he went to retrieve them, they were gone. He went outside to check on his car and discovered the alarm sounding, which would be consistent with someone pushing the panic button on his key chain to locate the vehicle.

Maple near Dequindre, 8/21, 2148 hrs.

Officer attempted to stop a '05 Ford Taurus after observing it swerving as it drove along. The vehicle did not stop after officer in fully marked patrol car activated lights and sirens in attempt to stop it, but continued driving below the speed limit. The vehicle stopped at stop signals, but would not respond to the emergency equipment or officer's continued orders over the PA system to pull over. After proceeding approximately a mile and a half, and while stopped at a red signal, as well as after continued announcements over the PA system, the driver pulled over. The 25-year-old female driver

from Fraser claimed she wasn't sure the police car was real, so was waiting to arrive in a well-lit area to stop. She had passed numerous well-lit parking lots, however before stopping. She was not drunk; she had no contraband. She was issued a citation for "Failing to Stop for a Police Officer's Signal" and referred to SOS for a driver evaluation.

Coffee Net Lot, Long Lake near Rochester, 8/22, 0003 hrs.

Officers dispatched on a report of a suspicious van in the lot with several males inside. Upon arrival, officers observed a 14 and 20-year-old male from Troy on foot in the lot. They appeared to be making antagonizing gestures directed towards someone else in the area. As the police car entered the lot, both fled on foot. Both were eventually caught, the 20-year-old while still in the lot, the 14-year-old hiding behind the brick wall that separates the lot from a nearby subdivision. The 20 year old stated a group of friends picked him up and told him they were headed to a store because another group of people were going to fight one of their friends. He stated earlier in the day his friends were at the Coffee Net and someone threw a slushy or shake on the van they were in. He was released. The 14 year old had a 5-inch steak knife in his pocket. He provided a similar account as the 20 year old. He stated he grabbed the steak knife for protection before getting into the van. He stated when they arrived in the lot of the Coffee Net, he and a couple of people from the van were dropped off and the van took off to get some more friends. He was transported to the station and turned over to his mother pending follow-up by the Youth Bureau.

Complainant reported their computer administrator detected an unauthorized entry into the business's computer system. There is no firewall in place. Unknown if any information/data was lost/compromised.

Welfare Checks:

1000 Block of Crooks, 8/20, 2336 hrs.

Officers dispatched on a request for ambulance on a possible overdose. Upon arrival, the 18-year-old male driver indicated the 20-year-old female passenger from Troy had taken heroin and wasn't feeling well. The female confirmed just injecting, and indicated she had also taken ecstasy the night before. She was transported to the hospital for treatment/evaluation. Apparently the two met while in rehab earlier in the week.

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Big Beaver east of John R, 8/21, 2145 hrs.

Passersby reported a small child walking unattended down the sidewalk and stopped with the child to await officers' arrival. Officers responded and determined the 2-year-old male had walked out of and away from a nearby residence. No injuries. Child safely returned home. Protective Services contacted.

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Troy Officers responded to two incidents involving individuals experiencing emotional/psychological difficulties and assisted with transport to the hospital for evaluation/commitment.

N/B I-75 near Big Beaver, 8/21, 1801 hrs.

Officers responded to a report that the driver of a black Ford Taurus appeared to be falling asleep behind the wheel in stop and go traffic. Officers located and stopped the vehicle. The 28-year-old male driver from Troy passed sobriety tests, however was behaving oddly. Family members were contacted and based on information provided, a possible medical issue was suspected. He was transported home and turned over to his family's care. He was referred to SOS for Driver Re-evaluation.

Arrest Summary:

In addition to those outlined above, the following arrests were also made during the period:

Domestic Assault: 3 (26 year old son assaulted his father.)

Drunk Driving: 11 (One reported by cell phone caller.)

Retail Fraud: 8

Drove While License Suspended: 4

Warrants: 6