



Police Crime Alert

Community Services Section

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Crime Alert for period ending March 24, 2006

Assist Other Department/Law Enforcement:

N/B I-75 near Squirrel Rd., 3/20, 0339-0615 hrs.

MSP put out an area wide broadcast in response to a report received from a family member that a female relative driving a green Jeep Cherokee had driven off the freeway somewhere between I-696 and Great Lakes Crossing. Eventually a family member called Bloomfield Twp. and indicated he was talking to the victim on her cell. Troy officers located him in the area on I-75 and Adams and began communicating with the female driver through him. She could not provide any information as to where she was. The cell kept going out either as a result of low power, or possibly the victim going in and out of consciousness. Nextel confirmed the cell tower she was transmitting off of was at I-75 and Adams. Troy units drove up and down the freeway in that general area with spotlights and sirens activated. Eventually she reported hearing the sirens. A foot search of a wooded area east of the freeway in the vicinity she reported hearing the sirens resulted in Troy officers locating her trapped in her car. She was initially unresponsive, so officers forced their way into her car via the rear hatch, as the doors were inaccessible due to the heavy over-growth. Bloomfield Twp. Fire and EMS extricated her. The case was turned over to the Township PD for investigation. Indication obtained by Troy officers on the scene indicated she is a 20-year-old female from Shelby Twp.

Beaumont ER, 44201 Dequindre, 3/15, 2300 hrs.

Officers responded to report of a victim seeking treatment for minor injuries sustained in an assault that occurred outside a bar in another jurisdiction.

Auto/Vehicle Thefts:

Events & Programs

Please click on below link for community events for the coming March 24-March 31 Week!

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

Other upcoming Events:

T O W N H A L L
M E E T I N G

P R E V E N T
U N D E R A G E
D R I N K I N G

Tuesday March 28, 2006
7:00-9:00P.M.

Troy Community Center
3179 Livernois, Rm. 304

Golfview, 3/15, 2343 hrs.

Officer observed a black Dodge Ram P/U (pick up) being driven by a male closely followed by an old blue Ford station wagon occupied by two subjects in the apartment complex. The officer lost sight of the two vehicles, however another officer located the P/U driving N/B on Coolidge at Wattles. When the officer turned around to investigate, the P/U fled northbound and was last seen westbound on South Boulevard near Beech. The P/U was located abandoned in a driveway on South Boulevard running with the door lock and ignition punched. The registered owner was contacted and confirmed the truck was missing from the apartment parking lot/stolen. Shortly thereafter, officers responded to a report of a pedestrian southbound on the freeway near Crooks. He matched the description of the subject who was driving the stolen truck. He fled on foot as officers approached. The 18-year-old male from Detroit was later located and taken into custody as he ran through the office areas to the west and north. An 18-year-old female from Detroit was located in the same area driving the station wagon originally seen following the P/U. She was stopped and arrested for driving on a suspended license. A witness from the Hilton advised the suspect had been asking directions for someone to come and pick him up shortly before he was finally arrested.

Charter, 3/20, 1800-2200 hrs.

A '94 Chrysler Concord stolen from apartment complex lot.

N/B I-75 near Wattles, 3/21, 1300 hrs.

A '05 GMC Sierra found abandoned on the shoulder came back stolen from Pontiac. It was recovered; PPD notified.

Credit, Check, Identity Theft, and other Fraud:

Complainant reported that he made a \$2150.55 bid on what was represented as a Gibson guitar on an Internet bidding/auction site that was accepted. He made payment through an Internet payment site, however when the shipment was received, it contained old records valued at about \$12.00. When he tried to call the seller, he found the number disconnected. The seller's site auction membership was also discovered terminated when he tried to follow-up with the site.

Hertz at Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, 1/6-3/3

A 23-year-old male complainant from Sterling Heights rented a '06 Ford Mustang from the rental office located at the Troy Marriott for two days. He used it, and then gave it to his 22-year-old male associate, also from Sterling Heights, who works at the hotel and who was supposed to turn it in. Rather than doing so, the associate kept extending the lease by phone using the complainant's name and credit card account information without permission. Complainant received a call from a detective from SHPD looking into a failure to return the vehicle complaint in early March. Complainant located the car parked across the street from his associate's apartment complex and returned it to Hertz. Total charges for extended rental time: \$4413.21 charged to complainant's credit card. Suspect's

**Meeting Hosted by Troy
Community Coalition**
Call (248) 823-5088 for more
information or visit:
www.troycoalition.com

March of Dimes Walk America "Saving Babies Together"

**Sunday April 30, 2006
9:00A.M.**

**Troy Civic Center
500 W. Big Beaver
(Near the tennis bubble)**

**For more info or to register go
to below link or call: 248-359-
1550**

<http://www.walkamerica.org/>

**Whether you need
a rose,
a hose,
clothes,
or someone to clean your carpets,
the Troy Chamber of Commerce
probably has a member to help you!
Visit the Business Directory anytime at:**

www.troychamber.com

To receive a bi-monthly email with

family told complainant they'd insure he was paid back on behalf of suspect, however he has not been reimbursed.

In addition to the above, Troy officers took reports on the following fraud incidents:

Credit Card/Account Fraud: 1

Bank Account Fraud: 2

Identity Theft: 2

Domestics/Family Troubles:

Troy Officers responded to 3 incidents involving family troubles/domestic disputes where investigation revealed no assaults or other crimes occurred, therefore no formal enforcement action taken/required.

Home Invasions:

Creekside, 3/20, 1200-1430 hrs.

Complainant returned home to find front entrance door windows smashed and house ransacked. Cash, jewelry, and electronics stolen.

Larcenies:

Marshall Field's, 500 W. 14 Mile, 12/19/05, 1142 hrs. LPO reported conducting an investigation into a larceny and fraudulent use of a customer's credit card. The investigation revealed the 37 year old female clerk from Shelby who processed the last legitimate purchase on the credit card owned by the 76 year old female victim from Troy used the victim's card at a Marshall Field's store in another jurisdiction to make two fraudulent gift card purchases for a total of \$400.00. When confronted with the evidence, the suspect denied it was she. Investigation continues.

Athens High, 4333 John R, 3/21, 1445 hrs.

A 15-year-old male complainant from Troy reported forced entry was made into his gym locker by prying the corner. A pair of jeans was pulled through the pried area. The jeans contained his iPod and cell phone.

Larcenies from Autos:

Wal-Mart, 2001 W. Maple, 3/15, 2058 hrs.

Poodle/Shiatsu mix stolen from locked Chrysler PT Cruiser parked in lot. LPO's (loss prevention officers) located surveillance footage of the lot, which showed a red mini-van, possibly a Ford Windstar, pull up next to the victim's car. A male subject exited the van, pulled the passenger side

discount offers on everything from pizzas to oil changes, please e-mail deb@troychamber.com or call 248.641.1606.

“Locks of Love”
Annual Hair Drive
In partnership with
“V 98.7” FM

Oakland Mall
Saturday April 8 From 2:00PM-
4:00PM.

Contact Officer Nicky Kaptur @
(248) 680-7223 For more
information!

Crime Prevention Tips

Fraud Prevention:

- Ø Remember that nothing that is worth anything is free.
- Ø If someone that you do not know offers to do you a favor, they probably have an ulterior motive.
- Ø Never give any personal information out to an unknown

window of the PT Cruiser way from the frame to gain access to the lock, opened the door, and stole the dog. It appears two females also occupied the van.

Malicious Destruction of Property:

Greenwich, 3/18, 1230-1400 hrs.

Someone threw a glass container of spicy hot beans against an '03 Honda Accord parked on the street causing a dent in the rear driver's side quarter panel.

Niagara, 3/15, 0300-0400 hrs.

Two tires slashed on a '00 Plymouth Breeze that was parked in drive.

Neighbor Troubles:

Officers responded to reported dispute between neighbors over one neighbor's day care operation disturbing the other neighbor's peace. Both parties agreed to participate in dispute mediation to attempt to resolve the issue.

Peace Officer/Civil:

Lifetime Fitness, 4700 Investment, 3/21, 2230 hrs.

Officers responded to a report of a fight in progress between two groups in the gym. Investigation revealed no assault, only a verbal altercation between a 25-year-old male from Clinton Twp. and a 36-year-old male from Sterling Heights, on opposing basketball teams, over a foul. The game was ended and the parties directed to leave for the night.

Phone Calls/Harassment/Threats:

Troy officers took reports in the following matters in this category:

Telephone Harassment/Obscene call: 3

Obscene Phone Calls: 1

Retail Fraud:

Kohl's, 500 John R, 3/17, 1315 hrs.

Officers responded to a report that a 40-year-old male from Centerline and a 40 year old female from Clinton Twp. stole \$69.00 worth of merchandise, as well as made a fraudulent return for \$79.47 worth of merchandise, which they took from the sales counter and represented for return at the customer

source over the phone or Internet.

(If someone asks for personal information, ask to speak to his or her supervisor and inform him or her you will be calling the Police to make a fraud report.)

No reputable business will call you or email you for this information!!!

Ø If you receive a phone call or email telling you that you have won something that you did not apply for, it is more than likely a fraud.

Ø **No legitimate organization will ask for any money or a Credit Card number in order to claim a prize**

Ø Protect yourself against identity theft by shredding all documents and safe guarding your account numbers, social security numbers and credit card numbers.

Ø Always maintain your credit cards and secure the credit card numbers.

Ø If you suspect that you have been the victim of credit fraud, call your credit card company and have them run a query of your charges.

Ø **Never give your bank account numbers over the phone. Especially if unsolicited!**

service desk. They were last seen driving away in a gray '95 Mercury Villager. Responding officers located it in the vicinity, stopped it, and arrested both suspects. The \$69.00 worth of stolen merchandise was recovered, as was the return credit card that was issued during the fraudulent return.

- Homegoods, 624 John R, 1115 hrs.

On 3/21, store representative reported that a 51-year-old female Homegoods employee from another store entered the Troy store still wearing her Homegoods apron and stole \$200.00 worth of merchandise. She was stopped and admitted to the theft, as well as additional thefts at other area stores. She was released by store representatives pending prosecution.

Suspicious Incidents:

Walker Drive, 3/19, 1725 hrs.

Two 12-year-old females reported while walking on Walker, they observed a red Pontiac Grand AM occupied by a W/M, approximately 30-35 years old, with a goatee, that they thought might be following them. They ran down a dead end street and behind a residence where they knocked on the door to report their concerns. The vehicle also drove down the dead end, and then turned around and left the area. The 49-year-old male resident of the house the girls knocked at reported he thought he heard the sound of a vehicle accelerating from the area when he answered the door and the girls informed him of their fears. He ran outside and reported the plate on the vehicle appeared to be a Michigan "bridge type plate." The girls' parents were summoned to the scene and briefed on the incident. The girls reported the occupant of the car did not say anything to them or try to lure them to the car.

Evaline Street, 3/16, 1501 hrs.

A 14-year-old female from Troy reported that as she walked home from the school bus stop, she noticed a subject wearing blue jeans, a blue/gray zipper, hooded sweatshirt, and black/white tennis shoes walking toward her. She stated she wasn't sure if the subject was a male or female. She crossed the street to avoid contact with the subject. She stated the subject entered a blue/gray full sized van with a ladder and luggage rack. She stated the van maneuvered such that it was traveling in the same direction she was walking. Concerned, she ran behind a nearby residence. When she looked to see where the van was, it was stopped in front of the residence she was behind, so she continued through the backyards. She stated it appeared the van proceeded slowly in the same direction as her, before it left the area. She was concerned, because she stated in the past, an ex-boyfriend of her mother's has followed her. As officers checked the area and spoke to neighbors, a crossing guard reported observing a suspicious W/M, 6' tall, 180, wearing a blue jumpsuit and walking with a limp in the area the day before. She stated he was driving an old rusty silver/blue full size van. The plate lead officers to a residence in Rochester Hills where a 33 year old male stated

Identity theft continues to be the fastest growing crime in the world, and the city of Troy is no exception. We continually get reports of identity theft and fraud on a regular basis.

While it may not be totally avoidable, detecting the early signs of identity theft is one of the best ways to avoid extensive losses and damage to your credit history.

If your wallet/purse etc. gets stolen, cancel all stolen credit and ATM cards immediately.

Checking your credit history regularly is a great way to keep apprised on the status of your credit.

Here are three sources for checking your credit history:

(The titles are links to the webpages)

[Equifax](#)

1-800-525-6282

[Experian](#)

1-888-397-3742

[TransUnion](#)

1-800-680-7289

Larcenies from Autos / Car Theft

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

the van belongs to his father, however he uses it in the course of his meter reading job. He acknowledged being in Troy on 3/15, but denied being in the area on the 16th. The subject told officers he has been reported as suspicious in the past as a result of his job. The van resembled the description provided by the 14-year-old complainant.

Delphi, 5725 Delphi, 3/20, 1135 hrs.

Complainant reported a routine x-ray screening of an incoming package performed in the shipping/receiving annex on the campus revealed some concerns over a small package's contents. The screener saw what appeared to be wires connected to an unknown object inside. The package contained no return address. The MSP Bomb Squad responded and performed additional screening, which revealed an in-car satellite radio component inside the package; an item routinely shipped in and out of the facility. MSP confirmed there was no danger. No threats were received at the facility.

Three Oaks, 3/16, 1515 hrs.

Female complainant reported for the second time in 5 weeks, a male, believed to be the same subject in both incidents, dropped his pants and placed his buttocks against the window from inside the apartment complex's fitness center as she walked by. He has been identified as a 15-year-old male from Troy. Investigation continues.

Wal-Mart, 2001 W. Maple, 3/21, 2000 hrs.

Complainant reported receiving a call indicating there was a bomb in the store. A search found nothing suspicious.

Welfare Checks:

Troy Officers responded to one incident involving an individual experiencing emotional/psychological difficulties and assisted w/transport to the hospital for evaluation/commitment.

Troy officers responded to report of a possible domestic assault at a residence in Troy reported by another law enforcement agency. Investigation revealed the female resident had been assaulted by her husband, however he had fled the scene prior to officers' arrival. Investigation continues.

Special Events Information:

See right side banner for information regarding upcoming Town Hall meeting on Underage Drinking hosted by the Troy Community Coalition at the Troy Community Center on March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Miscellaneous Information:

VW Dealership, 1804 Maplawn, 3/21/06

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.

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.

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.

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 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

Officer recognized the vehicle and persons he arrested in the incident listed below with a load of asphalt in the rear of the P/U going from dealership to dealership. Officer stopped the subjects and the 47-year-old male from Bruce, MI advised he was laying asphalt for several of the businesses. Additional investigation revealed he was soliciting the business in the area for asphalt repairs without a permit. He was issued a citation for Soliciting without a Permit and Driving on an Expired License and released at the scene. Two males and a female who were working with him were also released at the scene.

Discount Tire, 3439 Rochester, 3/8, 1729 hrs.

Manager reported receiving a call from an individual representing himself as the representative from corporate headquarters that authorizes maintenance at distributorships. The caller indicated he authorized an asphalt patching crew to come in and fill potholes and indicated the manager should pay them. The manager stated he was suspicious, so called the maintenance representative at the corporate office back to verify. The maintenance representative at corporate advised he had made no such arrangement. Complainant stated shortly thereafter a '93 Ford P/U occupied by two males and a female showed up. Within two minutes the males threw several shovels of asphalt into two of the four potholes in the lot, grabbed an invoice from the female, and presented it to the complainant for \$350.00. Complainant recognized one of the male's voices as the person who called earlier. When he advised them he was calling police, they jumped in the truck and tried to flee. Responding officers located the truck in the vicinity and stopped it. The 47-year-old male driver had an outstanding warrant from another jurisdiction. He was arrested on that, as well as charged with Larceny by Trick in this case. The 29-year-old male passenger provided inaccurate identification information to officers, however after they discovered his true identity, an outstanding warrant from another jurisdiction was found against him. He was arrested on that warrant, as well as charged w/ Larceny by Trick and Hindering Police in this case. The 49-year-old female passenger was detained and later released pending further investigation. All were from Bruce Twp.

Arrest Summary:

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

Drunk Driving: 2

Retail Fraud: 3

Drove While License Suspended: 2

Warrants: 4

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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