



# Police Crime Alert

## Community Services Section

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### Crime Alert for period ending April 20, 2007

#### Altercations/Disorderly Conduct:

#### Assaults:

Troy Beaumont ER, 44201 Dequindre  
Officers responded to a report of a victim seeking treatment for injuries sustained in an assault. Investigation revealed the incident occurred in another jurisdiction, which was contacted and the case turned over to them.

#### Assist Other Department/Law Enforcement:

#### Auto/Vehicle Thefts:

#### Breaking and Entries:

#### Crash Investigations:

#### Credit, Check, Identity Theft, and other Fraud:

Target, 1301 Coolidge, 4/13, 1417 hrs.

### Events & Programs

Please click or go to the below link for community events for the coming April 20<sup>th</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup> Week!

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



**The Troy Community Coalition is a non-profit**

Complainant reported suspect purchased a digital camera and memory card totaling \$190.78 using what turned out to be two counterfeit \$100.00 bills. Suspect: Male, approximately 35-years-old, short, straight black hair, goatee and mustache, blue trench coat, white shirt, faded blue jeans, black shoes.

Complainant discovered a telephone account fraudulently opened in his name when he received a collection notice for the overdue amount of \$193.52. Account was billed to an address in Southfield with which complainant stated he has no contact.

Complainant discovered a fraudulent charge of \$73.34 against her credit card at a local store and she suspects a family member.

Complainants discovered two unauthorized charges against debit account for a total of \$55.85. It appears an associate of complainant's represented he was authorized to use the account, when in fact he wasn't.

#### Domestics/Family Troubles:

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

#### Drugs/Narcotics:

#### Drunk/Intoxicated Driving Incidents of Interest:

#### Embezzlements:

T.J. Maxx, 350 John R, 4/13, 1220 hrs.

LPO (Loss Prevention Officer) reported observing a 21-year-old male employee from Detroit remove sales tags from a pair of shorts and then conceal them under his shirt. Suspect entered the restroom, and then exited.

LPO's detained him, and discovered he was wearing the shorts under his clothing. Suspect terminated and released pending further investigation.

#### Home Invasions:

Juniper Court, 4/12-4/13, 1930-2030 hrs.

Garage door forced open and refrigerator containing \$700.00 worth of beer and wine stolen.

#### Larcenies:

organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all who live or work in Troy, by promoting a lifestyle free from the abuse of alcohol and drugs.

Please feel free to contact any [staff member](#) for additional information or contact our office at (248) 823-5088

Troy Community Coalition  
4420 Livernois Rd. Troy, MI  
48098

We urge you to join us for one of our many exciting upcoming [community events](#).



**TROY PEOPLE CONCERNED**  
*Help from the Heart*

Troy Rotary Raffle is

**Troy Mobile Home Villa Office, 2100 Stephenson, 1/1/07-4/13/07**

Complainant reports someone has been siphoning gas from a company owned truck. When manager compared gas purchases to mileage, he estimated approximately 200 gallons of gas in total may have been siphoned from the truck.

**CVS, 1963 E. Big Beaver, 4/15, 1400 hrs.**

Complainant stated she noticed her wallet missing from her purse after she made a purchase. Investigation revealed she dropped it, and a female in a wheel chair picked it up and placed it in her lap under some merchandise. The suspect completed her transaction and left the store with complainant's wallet. Suspect: 65-year-old female with gray hair.

**First Baptist Church, 2601 John R, 4/14, 1739 hrs.**

Bookstore door lock damaged to gain entry; small amount of cash stolen from cash drawer. Apparently there were several groups using/inside the church during the period when the incident appears to have occurred.

#### Larcenies from Autos:

**Oakland Mall Lot, 412 W. 14 Mile, 4/14-4/15, 1300-0700 hrs.**

Driver's side window damaged to gain entry on a '06 Jeep Cherokee and stereo, sub-woofer, iPod, and PSP stolen.

**Shopping Plaza Lot, 31 E. Long Lake, 4/11, 0900-0925 hrs.**

Unlocked '97 Dodge pickup entered and lap top stolen.

#### Malicious Destruction of Property:

**Skateworld Lot, 2888 E. Maple, 4/14, 1930-2330 hrs.**

'03 Chevy keyed along both sides.

#### Minors and Alcohol:

#### Neighbor Troubles:

#### Peace Officer/Civil:

#### Phone Calls/Harassment/Threats:

**Three phone threats reports taken.**

**One harassing phone call report taken.**

**helping Troy People  
Concerned!**

TPC's big fundraiser is being held on April 22, 2007 at LaSalle Bank, 2600 W. Big Beaver from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and we are having a raffle along with dinner to raise much-needed funds. To obtain raffle tickets go to:

[www.troyrotaryraffle.org](http://www.troyrotaryraffle.org)

Locks of Love hair  
Drive at Oakland Mall  
in Troy

On **Sunday, April 28, 2007**, the **Troy Police Department** will be co-sponsoring a **Locks of Love Hair Drive** with radio station **Smooth Jazz 98.7**. The event will take place from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the center court at Oakland Mall in Troy. Representatives from Smooth Jazz will be on-site.

Anyone wishing to donate must have 10 inches or more of hair. No appointment is necessary. Licensed stylists will be on hand to cut and style anyone's hair that donates.

"Locks of Love" is an organization that supplies hairpieces to

One harassment report taken.

**Retail Fraud:**

Kohl's, 1265 Coolidge, 4/15, 1500 hrs.

LPO's reported subject entered the store, went to the shoe department, and put a new pair of Adidas sneakers on. He placed his old shoes in the shoebox, which he returned to the shelf. He exited the store. When LPO's tried to detain him he fled. Total: \$49.99. Suspect: W/M, black short hair, mustache, blue dress type shirt, with logo on back, blue jeans, black T-shirt.

**Robberies:**

**Suspicious Incidents:**

**Traffic Altercations:**

**Vandalism:**

**Weapons Offenses:**

**Welfare Checks:**

Officers located a 74 old female under the influence of pills and alcohol and transported her to the hospital for detox/evaluation.

Officers located a 40-year-old male under the influence of alcohol who required transport to the hospital for detox.

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

**Special Events Information:**

***Workplace Violence Protection***

***Prepare, Prevent & Plan-“Protecting Your Workplace Against Internal & External Threats” Seminar***

financially disadvantaged children with health problems that cause hair loss.

Anyone who donates hair will receive a special gift from the Troy Police Department. There will be special activities for children during the event.

It costs approximately \$1200.00 to produce a hairpiece. It takes four to five 10-inch ponytails to make a hairpiece. Monetary donations will also be accepted at the event.

For additional information, please contact Troy Police Officer Nickie Kaptur at 248-680-7223.

The Troy Police Department offers the following free talks/ seminars:

- \* Alcohol abuse and prevention
- \* Safety with Strangers
- \* Home Security
- \* Personal Security
- \* Got Caught (Shoplifting talk for teens)
- \* Choose Wisely (Right choices for teens)
- \* Home alone (home personal safety for teens and children)
- \* Drug and drug paraphernalia talk for adults and also teens

Co-hosted by: **Strategic Business Solutions Troy Police Department, Troy Chamber of Commerce, John Bailey and Associates, Inc.**

**Thursday, May 24 1-4 p.m.**

**Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver  
Free! But must register to hold a seat**

**RSVP to 248-641-8151 or [theteam@troychamber.com](mailto:theteam@troychamber.com).**

Every type of business is vulnerable to violence, from retail businesses to law firms. Threats in the workplace can come, unexpectedly, in a variety of packages.

- o **Employees' domestic issues can spill into the workplace when tempers flare.**
- o **Disgruntled customers can turn a normal professional office or retail setting into a danger zone.**
- o **Threats can come against another business located in your office building, putting your staff at risk.**
- o **Employees who work late or travel alone can be easy targets.**
- o **Employees can be enraged after having been laid off or after a performance review.**
- o **Terrorist activity can strike any business.**

Workplace safety is the responsibility of employees and employers alike. Will you recognize the warning signs before an emergency? Are you prepared to respond quickly in the event of an emergency? Will you be reacting to a situation or event once it's happened or will you be ready with a contingency plan in place?

To help you prepare, prevent and plan, presentations will be given by experts from the Troy Police Department; Human Resources; and John Bailey & Assoc., Inc.



\* Identity Theft  
\* Internet Safety for adults and also teens  
\* Harassing and Bullying Prevention for children  
\* Retail Fraud Prevention  
\* In addition, if you or your organization has a program/discussion idea or need that a police officer can deliver please call!

For more information or to schedule an officer to present a program please call:

(248) 524-3464 or e-mail the crime alert at:  
[troypdcrimealert@ci.troy.mi.us](mailto:troypdcrimealert@ci.troy.mi.us)



#### Miscellaneous Information:

***The national "Keep Kids Alive – Drive 25" program event is coming to Troy on May 1<sup>st</sup>! Be advised that our traffic safety unit will be in subdivisions on that day enforcing the 25 Mile and hour speed limit!***

#### Crime Prevention Tips

“Traveler” or Door-to-Door Scam Prevention



**Keep Kids Alive Drive 25<sup>®</sup> Day Participants** (Scroll down for more information)

**New Berlin, Wisconsin, Arroyo Grande, California, St. Charles, Missouri,**

**Foxboro, Massachusetts, Lansdale, Pennsylvania, Hamilton, New Jersey,**

**Cooper City, Florida, Cranford, New Jersey, Hollywood, Florida,**

**Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, Edison, New Jersey, Gretna, Nebraska, Troy, Michigan,**

**Norfolk, Nebraska, Kinnelon, New Jersey, Exeter, Pennsylvania, Hazlet, New Jersey**

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# MAYDAY!

## Keep Kids Alive Drive 25<sup>®</sup>

The first **Keep Kids Alive Drive 25<sup>®</sup> Day!** will be observed May 1st, 2007. It's not too early to make plans to get the **Keep Kids Alive Drive 25<sup>®</sup>** message out in your community. Begin mobilizing neighborhoods, schools, businesses, civic organizations, and city leaders to get involved. Plan to engage citizens in making streets safer for everyone in your community. This includes children, pedestrians of all ages, drivers and passengers.

**Thanks for joining the nation-wide effort to proclaim**

**May 1, 2007 "Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 Day."**

***Below is an explanation of the program and some eye-opening statistics regarding residential speeding:***

1. If a person comes to your home offering to do an inspection of some type or tells you a repair is needed, refuse the offer! It is most likely a scam.
2. Never let anyone into your home that you did not call. All utility workers will have a picture ID. If they do not or you have a doubt, even if they have some sort of picture ID, refuse to let them in. In most cases, utility workers will not have to enter your home to do repairs.
3. Never exit your home for anyone you do not know that wants you to "see what the problem is outside the home." They are probably having you exit so an associate can enter the home to steal from you.
4. "Travelers" use work type trucks/vans often with magnetic signs and out of state plates on them.
5. Will work/scam in an area for a short time but with multiple target homes – usually targeting seniors!
6. Never agree to make change for someone. This is a popular scam used to find out where you keep your money.
7. Never agree to purchase left over materials

## EFFECTIVENESS OF **KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25**

The key ingredient in creating an effective **KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25** campaign is **planning**. A first step is to create a Traffic Safety Task Force which includes representation from residents (including neighborhood/homeowners associations), law enforcement, public works, city govt., schools, businesses, and civic organizations. The task for this group is to develop a plan of action that works to educate and engage all citizens in creating safer streets for the benefit of everyone. When this happens, communities experience results such as the following:

- **Oceanside, CA** - The first completed pre/post study citing effectiveness of **KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25** yard signs demonstrated a **16% decrease** in average speed (**6mph**). (Reported in Urban Transportation Monitor, May 11, 2001)
- **Oro Valley, AZ** - After applying **KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25** decals to all residential trash cans, a neighborhood of 1000 homes reduced average speed from **29 mph to less than 25 mph - over a 13% decrease**. (Reported in Traffic Safety Magazine - National Safety Council, Sept/Oct. 2002)

For **consultation/training support** for your Traffic Safety Task Force, contact Tom Everson at **402-334-1391** or [Tom@kkad25.org](mailto:Tom@kkad25.org).

### Fast Facts (Check these out in your community):

- Speeding in residential neighborhoods represents the single greatest complaint issue to police departments and city council representatives throughout the U.S. (KKAD25)
- Most speeders in your neighborhood live in your neighborhood. (KKAD25)
- Crash rates increase faster with an increase in speed on minor roads (which includes residential streets) than major roads. (NHTSA 2004)
- The death rate per million miles driven on residential streets is almost **3 times** the death rate on highways. (NHTSA 2004)
- Motor vehicle **crashes** are the leading cause of death for **children** of every age from 2-14 years old (NHTSA - based on 2001 figures from the National Center for Health Statistics)
- **Speeding Triples the Odds of Crashing** (AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety - 2006)

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Your contact at Troy PD:

from a contractor. This is a scam. If an offer sounds too good to be true, it is.

8. When answering the door, make sure the storm door is locked and do not open it unless you recognize the person. "Travelers" will frequently walk in as soon as you open the door and begin their distraction techniques.

9. Keep your doors locked – Even when you are out in the yard working.

10. If you have any doubts call the Troy Police Department immediately at "911."

### Larceny

Ø Always keep control of all your property.

Ø Your belongings are not safe while you are playing sports or at work unless you have them properly locked or are in possession of them.

Ø Thieves wait for the right time and will take property quickly.

Ø Unfortunately you cannot always trust co-workers or other business associates.

Ø Do not rely on others to watch your belongings. If they



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## KKAD25™ Local Initiatives in Troy, MI (1)

Here is a list of **Keep Kids Alive Drive 25™** initiatives in **Troy**

### Area Contact

**Troy Police Dept.**  
 Bill Taylor  
 500 W Big Beaver Rd  
 Troy MI, 48084  
 248-524-3477

**Please Note:** If you would like to know how to start an initiative in your area, please visit our [contact page](#).

### Case Updates:

### Arrest Summary:

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

**Domestic Assault: 1**  
**Drunk Driving: 3**  
**Possession of Marijuana: 2**  
**Retail Fraud: 4**  
**Drove While License Suspended: 6**  
**Warrants: 4**

fail, you will be the victim, not them.

Ø Be cautious of who you allow into your home. If you invite guests that you really do not know into your home you are inviting trouble.

### Detecting Counterfeit Money

All U.S. notes have security features on them to make them recognizable as authentic currency. In the past few years, The U. S. has been designing even more easy to identify, and more difficult to counterfeit. Some of these identifier features are:

- A watermark identical to the portrait of the president's face is visible from both sides against a light.
- Color shifting ink on the number in the lower right corner on the front of the note.
- Micro printing on the oval ornamentation portrait framing around the president's face on the front of the note; "The United States of America" is printed on it's lower edge.
- Fine line printing patterns behind the portrait and building picture on the note are difficult to replicate.

These and other features will

become easy to recognize with a little practice in handling money.

The most economical tool to assist in this effort is purchasing a small black light for use by all clerks, and left or installed for their use at the cash register.

For further information, contact the Community Services Section of the Police Department, and/or your local United States Secret Services Office.

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a hose,  
clothes,  
or someone to clean your carpets,  
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