



City of
Troy

Police Crime Alert

Community Services Section

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Crime Alert for period ending December 14, 2007

Altercations/Disorderly Conduct:

Assaults:

Business Lot, 1775 John R, 12/10, 1836 hrs.

Officers responded to a report of a fight in the parking lot. Upon arrival, a 38-year-old male from Roseville claimed that when he came out of work an unknown male confronted him about sending text messages to him. Complainant claimed he had no idea who the suspect was or what the subject was talking about. He stated when "he tried to get into his car, the subject pushed him

Events & Programs

Please click or go to the below link for community events for the coming December 14th - 21st Week!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF TROY IN DECEMBER

December 14 & 28: Drop-in Computer Help, Library, **1 pm**. Got a computer question? Drop in for this informal gathering and ask away! No registration required. **FREE**.

December 15: Saturday Family Story Time, Library, **11:15 am**. Come for delightful holiday tales with Mrs. Claus. No registration. All Ages. **FREE**.

December 15, 22, & 29: Holiday Movie Matinee, Library, **11:15 am**. Stop in to enjoy

several times, pulled his jacket over his head, and began punching him.” He said the male then got into his car and drove away. The officer found a business card on the ground that the subject apparently dropped during the scuffle. The officer contacted the 37-year-old male from Orion Township who met the officer at the station. He explained the complainant is the ex-boyfriend of his current girlfriend and has been stalking and harassing her. He showed the officer a text message from the complainant that he received recently harassing him, as well. He stated he “drove to the complainant’s work place today to put him on notice to stop the harassment, when the complainant became irate and began pushing him in the chest and then punched him in the head.” He stated he “fought back in self defense.” Both claim they will be prosecuting the other.

Officer responded to a report of an assault between two residents at a group home. It was over when officers responded. There were no apparent injuries and no charges sought.

Continental Interiors, 1210 E. Maple, 12/13, 0830 hrs.

Two male employees, one a 23-year-old male from Rochester, the other a 28-year-old male from Warren, engaged in an argument with each accusing the other of talking to the other “like a baby.” The argument which occurred outside the building apparently became physical. Neither had visible injuries; however the 28-year-old requested EMS and was transported to the hospital. Each claimed the other initiated the assault; however a witness stated the 28-year-old admitted initiating the physical contact. Uncertain on charges at this time.

Assist Other Department/Law Enforcement:

Auto/Vehicle Thefts:

Oakland Mall Lot, 412 W. 14 Mile, 12/8, 1800-1930 hrs.
'07 Jeep Cherokee stolen from lot.

Century, 12/10, 2110-2120 hrs.

Complainant stated he observed an unknown vehicle pull up near his '03 Dodge Ram which was parked in the apartment complex lot. Shortly thereafter he observed what he described as a heavy set, B/M, with a full beard approach the pickup, smash the window, enter and drive off with the pickup.

900 block of John R, 12/4-12/10

'98 Dodge Neon parked in apartment lot found with ignition cylinder pried out.

Charter, 12/10-12/11, 2200-0745 hrs.

'02 Dodge Stratus parked in apartment complex lot had door lock pried with no apparent entry.

Suburban Mazda, 1794 Maplelawn, 12/3-12/8'08

Mazda CX7 stolen from lot with the key to the vehicle discovered missing from dealership.

wonderful holiday films. Ages 3+. No registration required.

December 15: Friendship Boxes, Library, **2-4 pm.** Bring photos and momentos to help you create a special accordion scrapbook. Register online or by calling 248.524.3542. **FREE.**

December 16: Noodle Day, Troy Community Center Indoor Pool, **1-4 pm.** Come during open swim for noodle day! There will be water games and noodles. All ages welcome. No registration required. **Regular entry fees apply.**

December 19: International Story Time, Library, **1:30 pm.** Drop in for stories in Korean. No registration required. All ages. **FREE.**

December 19: Museum Lecture Series, Museum, **7:30 pm.**



The *Troy Community Coalition* is a non-profit 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

Woodslee, 12/13, 0200-0545 hrs.

'07 Dodge Ram pickup stolen from drive. Complainant just got the truck back from a previous theft.

Breaking and Entries:

Crash Investigations:

Square Lake and Donaldson, 12/10, 1102 hrs.

Troy Police, Fire, and Alliance EMS responded to a report that a '04 Lexus traveling east on Square Lake suddenly veered off the roadway and struck a utility pole along the south side. The pole was broken off and came down, which pulled a second pole down, as well. Arriving officers found wires across the vehicle and a single unresponsive female inside. They determined the wires were not electrical/hot and the female was removed. Extrication was not necessary. CPR was initiated and she was transported to Troy Beaumont Hospital where she remains in critical condition. The 72-year-old female driver from Troy was the lone occupant. She was seat belted and two sets of airbags activated upon impact. There did not appear to be any serious injuries sustained during the course of the crash. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor, nor was weather. Investigators suspect a medical condition as the cause; however the investigation is on-going. Square Lake was closed for about two hours between Livernois and Rochester during the investigation.

Rochester and Stephenson, 12/10, 0130 hrs.

A '94 Honda Accord driven by a 19-year-old male from Troy crashed into a utility pole. The driver/lone occupant stated he "had five beers." He failed sobriety tests and was arrested. He was transported to the hospital to be evaluated and then released by hospital personal into police custody. He was conveyed to the Troy Lock-up where he blew 0.16 on a breath test.

Credit, Check, Identity Theft, and other Fraud:

Complainant received a congratulatory letter in the mail for winning a lottery along with a check she was supposed to deposit. The check was to cover "international clearance fees" required to process her cash winnings. She was supposed to wire cash against that check to pay the fees and collect her winnings. She recognized the scam with no losses.

Complainant from a leasing company reported completing a lease agreement/transaction for a '07 Mercedes-Benz. The agreement was arranged by phone and fax. The vehicle was delivered to an individual in Atlanta, Georgia. Two payments were received, and then stopped. Apparently the lease agreement contained no searchable personal identifiers such as a social security number or date of birth for the person whose name is represented thereon.

Complainant reported someone used her debit card account number to make a fraudulent purchase at a store in Troy.

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.](#)

Community Standards for Alcohol Use

Upcoming Events

**Troy Coalition Meeting
Public invited!**

Thursday, January 3, 7:00 PM
meeting at the Troy Fire and Police
Training Center / 4850 John R,
North of Wattles.

Community Kaleidoscope

Sunday, January 27;

Free Family Fun

—Games & Info for all ages
at the Community Center!



**Best wishes for a
healthy and
happy holiday season!**

Our Goal: #1 (of 6) *A Safe and Healthy Community*

Our Standards: Troy is clean, safe and free from unlawful activities, noise and disturbances resulting from the use of alcohol.

7-11, 2910 John R, 10/17, 1456 hrs.

Complainant reported a female subject presented four \$500.00 Chase Bank traveler's checks to one of his clerks on 10/17. She purchased 6 money orders in varying denominations for the \$2000.00 total. Apparently the clerk was not aware of policy prohibiting such transactions/exchanges. On 11/1/07 the same female tried to complete a similar transaction and was denied. Eventually the complainant received word that the original checks were counterfeit. The suspect is a 24-year-old female from Clawson who reportedly has relocated to Florida.

Complainant reported someone added an unauthorized user to his credit card account after which \$5733.77 in fraudulent purchases occurred.

Domestics/Family Troubles:

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

Drugs/Narcotics:

Drunk/Intoxicated Driving Incidents of Interest:

Embezzlements

Business, 2000 block of Crooks, 5/25/05-12/10/07

Complainant reported when he hired a new bookkeeper after the former bookkeeper left an audit was performed. The audit indicated the former 38-year-old female bookkeeper from Oxford was issuing checks payable to herself rather than paying the accounts. Several thousand dollars are involved. She admitted the thefts. It appears complainant may be trying to work out a payback plan with her and unknown on criminal charges at this point.

Home Invasions:

Dorchester, 12/9-12/11

Laptop computer and two bottles of Champagne stolen from apartment with no evidence of forced entry; however deadbolt was not activated during the theft.

Milverton, 12/13, 1405-1435 hrs.

Entry gained into residence via an unlocked rear door and MP3 player, cell phone and CD player stolen from a bedroom.

Larcenies:

Woodside Church, 6600 Rochester Road, 12/6-12/7, 1800-0300 hrs.

Our Community Pledge

1. We will expect those who drink to act in a responsible manner and respect their fellow community members.
2. We will expect community entities, including businesses that sell or serve alcohol, to adopt and follow practices that contribute to the well being of Troy community members.

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

- * Work place safety
- * Alcohol abuse and prevention
- * Safety with Strangers
- * Home Security Audit
- * 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
- * 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!

Push box stolen off of a front end loader parked in the lot. The complainant/owner of the loader stated his company is contracted for snow removal and left the loader on site.

Newgate, 7/4-12/5

Complainant stated he purchased and installed a stove, refrigerator, and dishwasher in his rental home. After the tenants were evicted and moved out, he inspected the house. He discovered the stove and refrigerator was missing, and there was an unsuccessful attempt made to remove/steal the dishwasher. There was no sign of forced entry.

Northfield Parkway, 12/9, 1000-1130 hrs.

Diamond tennis bracelet discovered missing from top of dresser. No sign of forced entry into residence.

JC Penney, 700 W. 14 Mile, 12/10, 1415 hrs.

Complainant stated she was in the fitting room trying on clothes. She states she left her purse on the floor and may have walked away for a moment. When she went to leave, she realized her purse was gone.

Wal-Mart Lot, 2001 W. Maple, 12/11, 1000 hrs.

Complainant stated she left her purse in her shopping cart and drove off, forgetting it. When she returned, the cart was still there however her purse was gone.

Carnegie Institute, 550 Stephenson, 12/11-12/12

Complainant stated she changed clothes in a first floor restroom and thought she had placed her purse in her bag along with her belongings. When she got back to class she realized she did not have the purse. When she returned to the restroom the purse was missing.

Parking lot, 1350 Stephenson, 12/11-12/12, 1159-0400Hrs.

Bobcat dozer and snow plow blade attachment stolen from lot.

John R., 11/1-11/17

Jewelry box reported missing/stolen from dresser drawer in complainant's apartment. No report of forced entry. According to complainant the duct filters were changed during the time period that the box came up missing.

Colony, 11/13-12/12

Three storage boxes containing miscellaneous tools were stolen from an apartment basement storage locker. The locked door was bent to allow access into the unit.

Larcenies from Autos:

Mon Jin Lau Restaurant, 1515 E. Maple, 12/7, 1045-1700 hrs.

Catalytic converter stolen from '98 Chevy Venture parked in lot.

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@troymi.gov



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

Elder Ford, 777 John R, 12/3-12/13

Two '08 Expeditions and an '08 Ford F-150 parked in lot had doors pried and GPS systems stolen.

Malicious Destruction of Property:

Office Lot, 750 Stephenson Highway, 12/12, 1100-1900 hrs.

Ford Fusion parked in lot had three tires slashed. A vehicle, possibly a Ford Taurus, was observed pulling up next to the complainant's parked car. Two occupants exited and were observed bending down near the tires/wheels on complainant's vehicle.

Minors and Alcohol:

Neighbor Troubles:

Peace Officer/Civil:

Officers responded to a report from a cab driver that he picked up a fare in Berkley and dropped the person in Troy; however when he entered the subject's credit card for the \$21.00 fee, the card was declined. Officers entered the office building and located the 39-year-old male from Southfield. He was intoxicated. He explained he contacted a friend who was on the way to pay the cab fee for him. Officers discovered two outstanding warrants for the subject and arrested him. He was on probation for another charge and apparently one of the conditions was that he was not to consume alcohol. He blew 0.18 on a PBT. The Probation Office was notified. His friend did show up and paid the cab fare.

Phone Calls/Harassment/Threats:

One harassment report taken.

Retail Fraud:

Kohl's, 500 John R, 12/11, 1600 hrs.

Plain clothes officers observed a suspicious male walking through the parking lot at Sear's at Oakland Mall. He approached the Optical Department, pulled a hoodie up on his head and began looking inside the store as well as around the parking lot areas. He eventually returned to the lot and entered a Plymouth Laser that was driven by a second male. The Laser left the mall lot and entered the Kohl's lot across the street on John R. The same male entered the store carrying a white plastic shopping bag. He was next seen at the service desk trying to refund four pair of pants for cash without a receipt. The refund was denied. He proceeded to the shoe department where he put on a new pair of shoes and placed his old shoes inside the shoe box. He eventually placed the box on a shelf and left the store with out paying for the new shoes he was wearing. As he arrived back at the car, Troy Officers approached and arrested the 32-year-old male from Pontiac. The

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driver, a 33-year-old male from Pontiac was arrested for outstanding felony warrants from other jurisdictions, as well as driving on a suspended license. Numerous pieces of narcotics paraphernalia consistent with heroin use were recovered and confiscated from inside the car including syringes, spoons, a tourniquet and a plastic case with suspected heroin residue.

Neiman Marcus, 2705 W. Big Beaver, 12/13, 2017 hrs.

LPO reported a subject entered the store and grabbed a handful of Loro scarves, placed them under his jacket, and left without paying. He was last seen entering the passenger seat of a black Mercedes, which immediately drove off. Stolen: Five scarves with a total value of \$1225.00. The license plate on the vehicle registers to a 39-year-old female from Highland Park. Suspect: B/M, 40-years-old, 6'-0," 220 lbs., glasses, wearing a suit and tie and a long dress coat.

Speedway, 2980 John R, 12/13, 1730 hrs.

Complainant reported a W/M, approximately 50-years-old, 5'-6," 150 lbs., gray hair, thin build entered the store, grabbed several packages of cigars from the tobacco aisle, concealed them in his coat, and then left without paying. He was last seen entering a mini-van. The plate registers to a 50-year-old male from Holland, MI and is listed on a '92 Ford mini-van. Total stolen: approximately \$54.00. Second incident involving the same suspect over last several weeks.

Robberies:

Suspicious Incidents:

Gas Station Lot, Livernois and Long Lake, 12/9, 0330 hrs.

A 26-year-old male complainant from Rochester stated that his "friend" left him at the gas station and she still had his wallet inside her vehicle. He stated there was \$500.00 in his wallet. He apparently provided several conflicting statements to officers on the scene regarding his actions prior to the incident, including where he met his friend. He eventually indicated he met the female on an Internet site called the "Red Hot Date Line." He stated he "drank and smoked marijuana earlier and planned on hanging out with her and smoking marijuana." Officers were able to make contact with the 25-year-old female from Detroit. She explained the complainant was acting strangely, so she became scared and dropped him off at the gas station. She told officers he "did not leave his wallet in her car." When the complainant was advised of the female's version of events, he stated he "no longer wanted to make a police report." A taxi was contacted on his behalf.

Traffic Altercations:

Vandalism:

Weapons Offenses:

Welfare Checks:

Crime Prevention Tips

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 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.

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 source over the phone or Internet.

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

Special Events Information:

Miscellaneous Information:

Parking Garage, 800 Tower, 12/10, 1200-1630 hrs.

Complainant came to the station to report he parked his '07 Chevy Impala in the parking structure. When he came out he discovered a piece of concrete fell from the ceiling and hit the hood of his car causing major damage.

Orpington, 12/10, 2030 hrs.

22-year-old female complainant came to the station to report that she responded to a knock at her door and found an unknown W/M, approximately 35-years-old standing on the porch asking for her boyfriend. She told the subject he wasn't home, and the subject left. Shortly thereafter, she saw the same subject parked in a rusty, light blue Ford Tempo in front of her home. She approached, asked the subject for his name and why he was there. She stated he sped off. She contacted her boyfriend and advised him. He stated he was on his way home. She saw the subject parked outside again and approached the car, telling him to leave or she was going to call police. He apparently began to pull away and according to complainant veered toward her and went partially onto the grass where she was standing. She stated the "rear wheel well of the vehicle hit her leg" as the car sped off. The 30-year-old male boyfriend from Troy told the officer taking the report that he suspects the subject may have been from a collection agency regarding an outstanding debt he owes.

Case Updates:

Church Burglar Arrested on Three Count Warrant

Hilary Anne Harbuz, 41-years-old from Warren, was arrested Friday by Troy investigators on a felony warrant charging her with three breaking and entering incidents at St. Joseph Chaldean Church located at 2442 E. Big Beaver in Troy. A church representative/complainant reported noticing the offering envelopes coming up short on the weekend of 10/20/07 when compared to the normal average and initiated an investigation. An on-site video system captured the suspect inside the church with a flashlight on three separate occasions. On 10/29/07, at approximately 0434 hrs. the suspect is seen near the prayer candles where she appears to reach into the offering box. She then proceeds to an office used to count cash offerings and envelopes and searches through drawers and cabinets located therein. On 11/5/07 at approximately 0426 hrs. she is again observed inside the church near the prayer candle area. Again, it appears she reaches into the offering box. She walks away from that area holding something in her hand and appears to put something in one of her coat pockets. She then walks up to the "Poor Box" and walks away. Apparently that box was locked. On 11/19/07 at 0430 hrs. she is again seen inside the church in front of the prayer

(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!

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,

candle area. She has a flashlight in one hand and some sort of shiny object in the other. On all three dates she is wearing the same coat. Two different sets of exterior doors to the church were found to have pry marks and appears to have been forced open to gain entry. The complainant recognized the suspect as a volunteer cleaning person. She is not a member of the church but was introduced by regular paid cleaning staff as someone that likes to help churches with cleaning and maintenance. She was not issued a key to the church. She did not respond to a Troy investigator's effort to interview her. The case was presented to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and a three count breaking and entry warrant was authorized. Troy investigators proceeded to the suspect's residence in Warren and arrested her without incident on 12/7/07. She was arraigned on 12/8/07 before Magistrate Clement Waldman where she stood mute, requested a court appointed attorney and was given personal bond. Her exam is scheduled before Judge Dennis Drury in Troy's 52-4 District Court on 12/20/07 at 0830 hrs. During the investigation, detectives received information indicating that the suspect may have been acting as a "volunteer cleaning person" at other area churches in addition to St. Joseph's, however were not able to identify specific locations. Churches that might recognize the suspect and have experienced similar incidents may contact Troy Detective David Nordstrom for assistance at 248-524-3477.

Arrest Summary:

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

Drunk Driving: 8

Possession of Marijuana: 2

Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia: 1

Retail Fraud: 11

Drove While License Suspended: 10

Domestic Assault: 1

Warrants: 4

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



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a hose,
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or someone to clean your carpets,
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