



City of
Troy

Police Crime Alert

Community Services Section

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Crime Alert for period ending December 21, 2007

Altercations/Disorderly Conduct:

Assaults:

Somerset Collection Lot, 2750 W. Big Beaver, 12/15, 1757 hrs.

Verbal and then physical altercation occurred over a disputed parking space. The dispute apparently arose when a Dodge mini-van driven by a 29-year-old male from Westland allegedly

Events & Programs

Please click or go to the below link for community events for the coming December 21st – 28th 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 27: Holiday Nature Hike, Stage Nature Center, **9:30-11 am**. Dress warmly and come for this escorted hike through the woods and fields of the Nature Center. Register. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Fee: \$3**.

pulled into a space that a Ford Taurus driven by a 39-year-old male from Southfield had been waiting for. A male and female passenger from the van and a female passenger from the Taurus apparently also became involved. There was an allegation that the male driver from Southfield pulled a handgun, racked a round and made threats. That story changed, as did accounts of who said and did what during the altercation. The male from Southfield had a CCW permit. He denied the accusation about the gun, explaining he “only pulled his coat up to show the holstered gun on his hip when he was being punched simultaneously by the two males from the van.” An independent witness confirmed the physical altercation between the parties occurred, but stated a gun was not brandished. All parties were identified and released. None appear to want to pursue charges. A couple very minor injuries were sustained and ice packs were provided.

Complainant went to his former place of employment to pick up an item of personal equipment he left behind. He spoke to the manager who left him momentarily to take care of a customer. Apparently a former co-worker saw complainant in the work area un-escorted and told him to leave. Complainant stated he told the subject he would after he finished his business with the manager. He stated the subject proceeded to push him against the shop door and eventually pushed him out of the business. The suspect admitted pushing the complainant out of the business when he refused to leave, indicating he “didn’t think that was an assault.” He went on to advise the officer if the subject returned he would engage in similar behavior.

Dequindre, 12/15, 0040 hrs.

A 42-year-old male from Troy and 53-year-old male from Troy engaged in an argument that became physical. The subjects are sometime roommates and the dispute started over accusations that one helps himself to “other peoples stuff” in the household without permission. Conflicting statements were filed over who initiated the physical contact. Minor injuries were sustained and no medical treatment required. Unknown on whether they will pursue charges. One was transported to his girlfriend’s home in another city for the night.

Assist Other Department/Law Enforcement:

Auto/Vehicle Thefts:

Barnes and Noble Lot, 396 John R, 12/18, 1830-1945 hrs.
'99 Plymouth Breeze stolen.

JC Penney Lot, Oakland Mall, 700 W. 14 Mile, 12/18, 1815-1945 hrs.
'04 Dodge Stratus parked in lot found with ignition cylinder removed in unsuccessful attempt to steal it. No sign of forced entry and possibly left unlocked.

Breaking and Entries:

Millennium Manufacturing, 1350 Rankin, 12/18, 1806 hrs.
Complainants working in the shop area of the business observed a light come on in an office that

December 27: Grandparent/Grandchild Swim, Troy Community Center Pool, **2-4:30 pm.** Come play in the pool during regular open swim hours and enjoy cookies and a beverage at 3:45 pm to wind up your time together. Residents and non-residents are welcome. Register. **Fee: \$5/person.**

CITY NEWS & INFORMATION:

Monday, December 3 & 17: City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm at City Hall

December 22: Library Closed

December 23: Library and Museum Closed

December 24: (Christmas Eve): City Hall, Library, Museum and Nature Center Closed

December 25: (Christmas Day): City Hall, Community Center, Library, Museum and Nature Center Closed

December 26: Museum Closed

December 29: Library Closed

December 30: Library and Museum Closed

December 31: (New Year’s Eve): City Hall, Library, Museum, and Nature Center Closed

January 1: (New Year’s Day): City Hall, Community Center, Library, Museum & Nature Center Closed

Refuse Collection Delays:

Christmas: Refuse collection delayed one day from Tuesday, December 25 to Friday, December 28

New Years: Refuse collection delayed one day from Tuesday, January 1 to Friday, January 6

was supposed to be closed. When they went to investigate, they discovered a male subject inside. When they asked the subject what he was doing, the subject claimed he “was lost and gave the name of a business in the vicinity that he was looking for.” The complainants checked the subject for stolen goods and after finding none, let him go on his way. Shortly thereafter they discovered a laptop missing from the office across from where the subject was originally observed. Responding officers assisted complainants search the business for it. They eventually located it concealed in a backpack in one of the offices. The backpack contained paperwork including a passport in the name of a 21-year-old male from Roseville. The complainants stated the photo was the person they had confronted earlier inside the business. Another officer proceeded to the business the subject claimed he was looking for. A representative there stated the subject stopped by and filled out an application. It was determined this occurred before he entered Millennium. The name on the application was the same 21-year-old subject as that on the passport. A message was left for the suspect using the phone number on the application. Shortly thereafter, the subject approached officers and stated he “was the person they were looking for.” He stated he “was lost and wandered into the first business where he saw the laptop and decided to steal it.” He stated when “he was discovered, he left.” He was arrested.

Crash Investigations:

S/B I-75 N/O Crooks, 12/14, 2244 hrs.

'06 Ford F-150 pickup left the roadway, rolled and came to rest on the right shoulder. The 33-year-old male driver/lone occupant from Ferndale stated he “was cut off by another vehicle which caused him to lose control and leave the roadway.” Independent witnesses reported seeing no involvement with another vehicle, indicating the pickup lost control and left the roadway on its own. The driver smelled of alcohol and stated he “had two beers at the Pistons game earlier.” He tried some sobriety tests and failed. He refused to participate in additional tests. He blew 0.18 on a PBT (Preliminary Breath Test) and was arrested. He refused to take a breath test, so a search warrant for his blood was obtained. He was uncooperative with paramedics attempting to take his blood so he was transported to the hospital where the blood draw was completed and toxicology results pending. He was not injured in the crash.

Credit, Check, Identity Theft, and other Fraud:

Journey’s Shoe Store, Somerset Collection, 2800 W. Big Beaver, 12/15, 2130 hrs.

Store manager discovered a counterfeit \$20.00 bill while processing the till at the end of the day.

Complainant was contacted by credit card company checking on an on-line credit card application being submitted in his name. He confirmed the attempt was fraudulent. When he checked his credit report he discovered similar applications out using his personal information and was able to stop them with no losses.

Complainant discovered several fraudulent purchases made using her credit account number.



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 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

Domestics/Family Troubles:

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

Drugs/Narcotics:Drunk/Intoxicated Driving Incidents of Interest:Embezzlements:

Macy's, 500 W. 14 Mile, 11/28 and 12/1

LPO's (Loss Prevention Officers) initiated an investigation into a 30-year-old female employee after discovering she rang a short transaction at her register and allowed a customer to leave with items not paid for on 11/28. On 12/1 she was observed ringing fraudulent returns onto gift cards. She then used the gift cards to make purchases at other Macy's locations. She has apparently not shown up for her last several shifts. Investigation continues.

Home Invasions:Larcenies:

My Photographer, Oakland Mall, 382 W. 14 Mile, 12/15, 1600-1700 hrs.
Purse stolen from back of baby stroller.

Somerset Collection South, 2801 W. Big Beaver, 12/15, 1900-1915 hrs.
Purse stolen from table in locker room.

Footlocker, Oakland Mall, 412 W. 14 Mile, 12/15, 1600 hrs.

Complainant reported she set her package and her cell phone on a bench. When she returned, the package was there, but the cell phone was gone. She asked a male store employee about it and he denied seeing it. A witness reported observing the same male store employee pick the cell up and take it into the rear stock room of the store. Apparently the witness confronted the 17-year-old male from Warren with what she observed and told him he should return the phone. According to her, he refused to return it. The suspect denied taking the phone when confronted by responding officers. It was not located.

Lamb, 12/2-12/16

Snow blower stolen from garage. No sign of forced entry, however the machine was chained/locked to a beam. The lock had been cut. A neighbor reported seeing a suspicious white pickup in the complainant's drive in the recent past, but didn't recall the day or time.

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.

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

Northfield Parkway, 12/15-12/16, 1600-1130 hrs.

Complainant reported for the second time this month that money was missing/stolen from her residence. No sign of forced entry either time and complainant states doors were locked.

Kohl's, 1265 Coolidge, 12/18, 2230-2300 hrs.

Complainant stated she left her purse on the floor of the fitting room while she fed her baby. After finishing she left and forgot her purse. When she realized she didn't have the purse and returned it was gone.

Entertainment Publications, 1414 E. maple, 12/17, 0900-1500 hrs.

Complaint stated she left her purse on her chair in an office cubicle and covered it with her coat while she attended a meeting. She received a call later that day from her bank checking on \$3800.00 in purchases on her credit cards. When she checked her purse she discovered her wallet missing.

South Boulevard, 12/15-12/16, 1800-1900 hrs.

Snow Sport plow stolen from behind residence. It had been posted for sale in front of residence for several days prior to theft.

SBARRO, Oakland Mall, 498 W. 14 Mile, 12/17, 2200 hrs.

\$100.00 missing from cash register and Sony computer game stolen from desk in rear area of business.

Larcenies from Autos:

Old Creek, 12/14-12/15, 1700-1000 hrs.

Wheels and tires stolen from '04 Cadillac CTS parked in apartment complex lot and vehicle left on landscape bricks.

Excel Academy, 6046 Rochester, 12/15, 0830-1430 hrs.

Rear passenger side window smashed out of a '03 Olds Alero parked in lot and a purse stolen. Purse was empty except for some business cards. Complainant received a call from Oakland County Sheriff Department later indicating a citizen turned her purse in after finding it discarded on Square Lake and Coolidge.

Oakland Mall Lot, 412 W. 14 Mile, 12/14, 1500-2055 hrs.

Front driver's side window smashed out of '02 Honda Civic parked in N/W lot with an iPod, instrument panel and three gages stolen.

Troy City Hall Lot, 500 W. Big Beaver, 12/10, evening hours

Two wheel covers stolen from '04 GMC Envoy parked in east lot.

Somerset, 12/13-12/14, 2300-0630 hrs.

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!

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

Three wheels/tires stolen from '08 Cadillac SRX parked in apartment complex lot. Car left on concrete blocks.

Malicious Destruction of Property:

Villa Park, 12/13, 0300-0500 hrs.

'04 Chevy Avalanche parked in apartment complex lot keyed along driver's side.

Minors and Alcohol:

Starr and Livernois, 12/15, 0345 hrs.

Officers located a 17-year-old female from New Baltimore standing on the corner without a coat. She was intoxicated and seemed confused over whom officers were and she continually asked for a ride. She could hardly walk and had to be assisted into a patrol car. She stated she "was drinking at a party at a nearby hotel." She couldn't explain how she got to the location where officers found her. She was taken to the station where she blew 0.21 on a PBT (Preliminary Breath Test) and was cited for MIP (Minor in Possession). Her mother was contacted and came to get her. Officers proceeded to the hotel and found no evidence of a party.

Isabel and John R, 12/16, 0250 hrs.

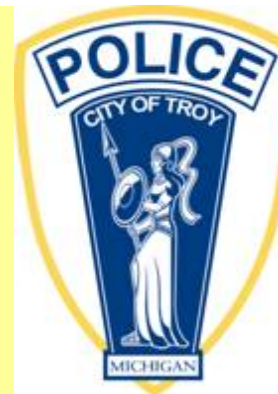
Officers found a van parked in the area and two subjects out on foot running between houses. They were eventually located. They were a 16-year-old female from Fraser and a 17-year-old male from Sterling Heights. They explained they "got into a verbal dispute with their friends inside the van, so got out and were heading to the male's apartment in Sterling Heights." Both had been drinking. The male blew 0.06 on a PBT, the female blew 0.08. The van was found unoccupied but two additional subjects were found on foot in the area. They were a 16-year-old female from Sterling Heights and an 18-year-old female from Clinton Twp. They stated they "were looking for their friends." Both smelled of alcohol. They blew 0.06 and 0.12 on PBT's respectively. The four subjects stated they "were at a party on Isabel." The location was checked and the party was over. All four were transported to the station, cited for MIP and rides home arranged. The 16-year-old's parents could not be located. She was sent home with another of the subject's parents.

Neighbor Troubles:

Complainant reported neighboring business pushed snow onto his property which resulted in him having to have his snow re-plowed. Businesses involved apparently have disputed the property line with each other in the past. Responsible business owner warned on ordinance pertaining to depositing snow on other's property.

Peace Officer/Civil:

Phone Calls/Harassment/Threats:



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One telephone threats report taken and one phone harassment report taken.

Retail Fraud:

Victoria's Secret, Oakland Mall, 412 W. 14 Mile, 12/13-12/14, 0700-0700 hrs.
12 bottles of perfume with a total value of \$588.00 discovered missing from a display.

Macy's, 500 W. 14 Mile, 12/17, 1453 hrs.

Plain clothes officers observed an occupied maroon Dodge Caravan without a license plate in the lot. The male driver entered the jewelry and perfume department of Macy's and then left without looking at merchandise or making any purchases. He walked past the car in the lot, crossed 14 Mile and was headed toward Jared Jewelry Store when a marked security vehicle drove by. He immediately turned around, walked south on John R to McDonald's. After purchasing some food, he walked to and entered two different gas stations at the 14 Mile and John R intersection. He purchased tin foil from one of the gas stations and then returned to the car. Shortly thereafter, a female occupant from the car exited, entered Macy's, went to the jewelry department and palmed a small box containing a necklace and charm. She proceeded to the fur department where she was observed handling fur headbands. The fur department manager discovered two headbands missing from inventory that had not been sold after the female left the department. She exited the store without making any purchases. Rather than returning to the van, she walked to the east end of the lot where the van pulled up and picked her up. A marked police unit attempted to stop the van on the S/B entrance ramp to I-75 from W/B 14 Mile. The vehicle initially pulled over, however sped away as the officer walked up to it. The officer did not pursue, however several plain clothes officers in plain cars that were monitoring followed the suspect vehicle as it proceeded south on I-75. It eventually exited the freeway at 8 Mile and pulled into a turn around lane. When it did, the officers surrounded it with their cars, preventing it from moving. The 22-year-old male driver from Detroit was arrested for fleeing the traffic stop and driving on a suspended license. The 49-year-old male passenger from Highland Park was released. The 19-year-old female passenger from Detroit who had been observed inside Macy's was found wearing the stolen charm and necklace. The box they had been in was recovered from her jacket pocket. The charm was still in its plastic shipping covering. Two stolen fur headbands from Macy's were recovered from inside the backpack she was wearing. She was arrested for retail fraud. Officers recovered metal, glass and steel crack pipes from her purse.

Robberies:

Suspicious Incidents:

Achatz Pie, 1063 E. Long Lake, 12/14, 0800 hrs.

Complainant reported a male subject has been in the business three times over the last week at opening time. He asked for coffee the first time; to use the bathroom the second and coffee again the third. He was advised the first time that coffee is not sold. He appeared to be looking all around the store and paying particular attention to their surveillance system. The third time the



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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

subject was inside the store, a witness spotted him walking south across Long Lake after he left the store. The store is located in a plaza on the north side. He was observed entering a black '05 Ford pickup parked in a lot on the south side of Long Lake. The vehicle registers to a 37-year-old male from Warren and the owner's description matches the subject: w/m, 6', 200 lbs.

Midtown Square Lot, Coolidge and Maple, 12/14, 2100 hrs.

A 54-year-old female complainant from Rochester came to the station to report that while loading her packages into her car, she noticed a white Buick 4 door occupied by a male pull into a space across the aisle facing her. She stated he appeared to be watching her. She stated as she entered and started her vehicle, the male exited his still running vehicle, leaving his door partially open. She stated it appeared he was walking toward and reaching for her passenger side door. She placed her car in reverse and began backing, which activated her door locks. She stated at that point the subject returned to his car, half running, entered, and drove away. She stated she last saw him going north on Coolidge. Subject: W/M, approximately 30-years-old, 5'-8," thin, brown hair, blue jeans, dark blue jacket, dark cap, wire glasses. Partial plate on the Buick was "JGL".

TCF Bank Lot, 2138 E. Big Beaver, 12/12, 1900 hrs.

Officers responded to a report of a suspicious occupied vehicle off by itself in the far west part of the lot. The black '98 Olds 4 door was occupied by a 58-year-old male from Sterling Heights. He had his pants unbuckled, his zipper down and was watching a pornographic movie on a DVD player. He denied engaging in any lewd behavior.

Traffic Altercations:

Rochester and Big Beaver, 12/14, 1645 hrs.

A 41-year-old male from Southfield came to the station to report while stopped at a red light in the turn around lane from N/B Rochester to S/B Rochester just north of Big Beaver, the light turned green and he was slow to start out when the vehicle behind him began honking its horn. The male driver began swearing at him and gave him the middle finger. Complainant went south and stopped for the red signal in the right turn lane for W/B Big Beaver. The vehicle from the turn around lane came up and stopped behind him. The male driver exited and approached complainant's vehicle yelling obscenities and making threatening remarks. According to the complainant, the subject called him a terrorist and made some comment about a "bullet in the head." Complainant stated the subject invited him to pull over into a nearby parking lot "so he could show him who he was." Complainant claimed the subject produced some kind of badge, claiming he was a police officer. He stated the badge appeared to be silver and in some kind of folding case. Complainant stated when the light turned green, he completed his right turn and proceeded W/B. The subject returned to his car and eventually pulled along side of him yelling and telling him to pull over. Complainant stated the subject continued following him until the complainant entered a turn around lane west of Livernois. At that point the subject continued W/B and complainant lost sight of him. Subject described as a W/M, approximately 40-years-old, 5'-9," 200 lbs., short straight red hair, balding in front, thin mustache, medium build, light complexion, wearing black jeans and an orange turtle neck sweater with a shirt underneath. The subject was driving a red Saturn station wagon with a

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.

(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

white State of Michigan plate with the first two letters "PD." Complainant stated attached to the left corner of the plate was a "blue star."

Vandalism:

Weapons Offenses:

Welfare Checks:

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

Special Events Information:

Miscellaneous Information:

Case Updates:

Arrest Summary:

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

- Drunk Driving: 4
- Retail Fraud: 5
- Possession of Marijuana: 1
- Hinder/Obstruct Police: 1
- Warrants: 6
- Domestic Assault: 1

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, 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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