



# Police Crime Alert

## Community Services Section

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### Crime Alert for period ending January 5, 2007

The next crime alert will be distributed on January 19, 2007

#### Assaults:

**Lifetime Fitness, 4700 Investment, 12/27, 2042 hrs.**

Officers responded to a report of a fight in progress on the basketball court. Upon arrival the four male subjects involved had already separated. Investigation revealed a 29-year-old male from Detroit was apparently purposely "hard fouled" by a 22-year-old male from Sterling Heights during the game. He claimed when he protested the "tackle," the 22-year-old, along with his 26 and 19 year-old brothers, advanced on him in what he believed was a threatening manner, so he threw several punches in "self defense." The 22-year-old claims the subject punched him in the face after the incident. The 19-year-old claims the 29-year-old also punched him when he tried to separate him and his brother. A witness indicated he saw the two brothers punch and kick the original subject at one point during the altercation. No significant injuries/no medical treatment. Subjects are considering charges.

**Dequindre, 1/1, 0942 hrs.**

Officers summoned to Troy Beaumont ER regarding a 49-year-old female from Sterling Heights being evaluated as a result of back pain from an assault she indicated occurred at a gathering she was at somewhere along Dequindre the night before. She was not sure which side of Dequindre the gathering was on. She thought the person who drove her turned east from N/B

### Events & Programs

Please click or go to the below link for community events for the coming January 5<sup>th</sup> – January 19<sup>th</sup> Weeks!

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

#### **Troy Coalition Meeting Public invited!**

Thursday, January 11; 7:00 PM meeting at the Troy Fire and Police Training Center / 4850 John R, North of Wattles. Join us for "Data, Dialogue & Direction" Moving the Coalition prevention efforts forward in 2007!

Dequindre when they arrived, which would have put the incident in Sterling Heights and not Troy. She stated while there, a male started talking to her. She stated when he got overly friendly, she turned away uninterested. She stated she was then struck in the middle of the back by an unknown object she believes was thrown by that male. No visible injuries.

#### Auto/Vehicle Thefts:

Construction Site, Maple and Crooks , 12/28, 1330 hrs.

Complainant reported he was working on a laptop in his '06 GMC Sierra. He exited to consult with one of the contractors and left the truck running. When he returned he found the truck missing.

#### Breaking and Entries:

Sunoco Gas Station, 2017 Livernois, 1/1, 2227 hrs.

Officers responding to a burglar alarm at the location discovered a pedestrian door had been pried open. A witness contacted the dispatch center after observing two white males running from the location, enter a teal Explorer and then drive south on Livernois. As the witness made this observation, the witness also noted the burglar alarm from the gas station was sounding. The witness obtained the license plate number from the Explorer and provided that to the dispatchers. That license plate lead officers to a residence in Troy where they located the vehicle parked on the street. They observed a crowbar, gloves, bolt cutters and a hammer inside the vehicle. They made contact with a 19 and 17-year-old male at the residence along with their parents. The two males eventually admitted committing the break-in, however once inside the alarm sounded so they fled without stealing anything. Both were arrested.

BP Gas Station, 1980 E. Maple, 12/31-1/1, 1630-1100 hrs.

Complainant reported finding garage door glass broken out to afford entry into the main station area via an attached pedestrian door. Once inside entry into the locked office was forced, which was rummaged. Only thing missing was a toolbox from garage area.

#### Crash Investigations:

S/B I-75 near Adams, 1/1, 0146 hrs.

Officers responded to a report of a hit-and-run non-injury crash. Witnesses obtained the license plate of the fleeing car. Responding officers located and stopped the black '98 Honda Accord. The 28 year old male driver from Detroit initially claimed a female passenger was driving and not him. Witness statements indicated he was driving the car at the time of the crash. He eventually admitted he had been driving. His license was suspended and he was



• COMMUNITY KALEIDOSCOPE  
"Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois"  
12:00 PM

"Free community event, 12-4pm. Open swim, games, crafts, community booths, entertainment, B-I-N-G-O, open gym and more."

AmericanTowns.com was born out of a real-life need to help one community group work more effectively on a divisive issue. AmericanTowns wants to empower groups and organizations in Troy, too. Our goal is simple: to bring together the people, groups and events that make the community, in a new and innovative way.

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arrested.

Credit, Check, Identity Theft, and other Fraud:

Company representative from Troy reported they shipped a computer purchased with a credit card account number on their website to an individual in Texas. Apparently that individual recently contacted the company and claimed he never purchased/ordered a computer from them.

Complainant reported receiving three bills for different cell phone accounts fraudulently opened in his name.

Big Boy, 200 W. Maple, 12/30, 2000 hrs.

Manager reported subject tricked a waitress into giving him \$50.00. He made a carryout purchase of soup and coffee for which he paid with a \$50.00 bill and some change. Through a series of transactions, apparently confusing the waitress/cashier he ended ahead \$50.00. Suspect: W/M, 30's, short wavy black hair, medium build, unshaven/stubble.

Complainant reported she believes she lost her credit card while shopping at K-Mart. She has since discovered several fraudulent charges.

Domestics/Family Troubles:

Complainant reported returning home and finding the tires on her car slashed and bleach and food spilled on her clothes that had been removed from her closet. When she confronted her boyfriend via phone he admitted doing the damage. He was not present when officers were on scene. Investigation continues.

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

Embezzlements:

Target, 1301 Coolidge, 12/14-12/18

LPO's (Loss Prevention Officers) reported 35-year-old female employee/cashier from Detroit was observed adding \$10.00 on one day, and \$20.00 on a second day to a gift card she had in her possession without paying. She was terminated. Possible prosecution pending.

for organizations, businesses and residents to submit their own news and events. We're adding exciting content every week, but it's **your participation** that really makes the site hum. So you'll find lots of easy ways to **spread the word** about an upcoming meeting, a successful fundraiser, important date and more. And we've got even more tools "under construction" for local groups and organization that you belong to, including web conferencing, event registration, e-newsletters, and online fundraising.

We hope you'll stop in and see how we're growing [Troy's new site](#) - then join us in making it better. Let's build a great neighborhood, together!

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Whether you need a rose,

**Kohl's, 1265 Coolidge, 12/29, 0200-0715 hrs.**

LPO's observed 20-year-old male employee conceal four digital cameras and two DVD's in an empty box and then place the box in the stockroom. He returned to the floor and placed another DVD player and another digital camera in another empty box. That was placed with the other in the stockroom. He placed those on a cart along with several empty boxes. He pushed the items to the outside dock where he removed the stolen items from the two boxes and hid them under a semi-trailer parked in the dock area. He went back inside, took two more digital cameras and hid them with the other items under the trailer. When his shift ended, he got into his car drove to the dock and parked next to the trailer where he had hidden the merchandise. LPO's approached as he got out of the car, however upon seeing them he got back in and fled. He was contacted and agreed to return to the store where he admitted the theft as well as similar acts in the past. He stated he was selling the merchandise to "people he knows." He was released pending prosecution.

### Home Invasions:

**Coachman, 12/26-12/29**

Apartment accessed by forcing entry door. A Nintendo Game cube, two wrapped Christmas presents that contained clothing, a small amount of change and a gallon of milk were missing. It appears whoever entered ate some of victim's food while inside. Her locked bedroom was forced open and a photograph was damaged, however nothing else stolen.

**Valley Vista, 12/31-1/1, 1630-0030 hrs.**

Rear pedestrian door window broken to afford access to residence. Plasma TV, home theater system, cable remote, cables and a bottle of whiskey stolen. Additional items were taken from a bedroom dresser drawer and placed in a pillowcase, however the pillowcase with contents was recovered on the deck outside the house.

**Chesterfield, 12/29-12/30, 1900-0930 hrs.**

Rear window broken to afford entry into residence. It appeared some drawers in a bedroom were rummaged; however nothing reported missing.

### Larcenies:

**Oakland Mall, 412 W. 14 Mile, 12/31, 1545 hrs.**

Complainant stated when she sat down she placed her purse on the bench next to her. After making a cell call she reached for her purse and discovered it was gone.

**Troy Street, 12/29-12/30, 1700-0915 hrs.**

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](http://www.troychamber.com)

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## Crime Prevention Tips

### Harassment and Stalking

If you are being threatened, stalked  
or harassed by someone, consider  
obtaining a Personal Protection

**Detroit Red Wing flag stolen from holder on porch.**

**Gabriel, 12/30, 1400-1500 hrs.**

**Snow blower stolen from open attached garage.**

**Vermont, 12/8-12/14**

**Complainant reported missing mail from mailbox.**

**Comp USA, 637 John R, 12/28, 1100 hrs.**

**Store representative reported a laptop that was dropped off for repairs came back stolen when checked through the manufacturer's computer database. Officers spoke to the 41-year-old male from Ann Arbor who brought it in. He explained he purchased it from a pawnshop. Pawnshop was contacted by investigating officers, confirmed the purchase and faxed documentation. Original owner, 25-year-old male from Portage was contacted and confirmed the computer had been stolen several months ago at Western Michigan University. Laptop retained in PD property section pending continuing investigation.**

**Thunderbird Lanes, 400 W. Maple, 12/29, 2115 hrs.**

**Business representatives reported they detained a 19-year-old male from Troy after he walked out with a pair of bowling shoes he rented earlier in the evening. He placed his own shoes back on after bowling and walked out carrying the rented shoes. Apparently when he walked in and began bowling he was observed wearing a pair of bowling shoes with the name of an affiliate bowling alley engraved on them. Company personnel recognized the shoes were probably stolen from the affiliate as they are not offered for sale and confiscated them from the subject. When the subject was later observed bowling in socks, he was advised he could not do so and rented a pair of shoes. It was that pair he walked out with. He admitted the theft to officers stating it was a "stupid idea." He had been drinking and blew 0.04 on a PBT (Preliminary Breath Test). He was also found in possession of a fake Michigan Driver's License altered to make him appear 21 years old. He was arrested and charged with "Larceny," "MIP," and "Unlawful Use/Possession of an Altered Operator's License."**

**English near Dequindre, 12/29, 0030 hrs.**

**A 22-year-old female from Clawson reported when her car broke down on English, a black newer 4-door sedan, possibly a Pontiac Bonneville, pulled up and two males got out to ask if she was "okay." The male driver stayed inside the vehicle. She stated while one of the subjects spoke with her outside the car the other checked her car. She made a cell call and arranged for help. The subjects stayed with her until help arrived. After they departed she noticed her purse and contents missing from inside her car. She learned that her credit card was used to make three fraudulent purchases in Sterling Heights shortly thereafter. The next**

Order. For more information, [click here](#).

If you have a Personal Protection Order against someone, do not contact him or her in violation of the terms of your own order, it may make the order unenforceable.

If someone violates a Personal Protection Order that you have, contact the Police immediately. If the Officers arrive and the person is still there, they may be able to take immediate enforcement action.

If you are receiving harassing, threatening, or annoying telephone calls, you should make a police report. After making a report, the SBC Annoyance Call Bureau will initiate an investigation. They will require a case number, the dates and approximate times of the calls, and some contact information from you. It is a good idea to begin keeping a log of these calls as soon as they begin.

### Larcenies from Autos / Car Theft

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

- Ø Installing a car alarm.

day she was contacted by a resident who found her wallet with some of its contents on Highbury and Cliffside in Troy. Suspects: all W/M's possibly of Middle Eastern descent, between 16 and 19 years old. The one who spoke with victim was wearing a black "North Face" zip-up hooded sweatshirt and black ball cap. The other who checked her car was wearing dark jeans, a black shirt and had a buzz cut.

Office, 5460 Corporate, 12/29, 1330-1450 hrs.

Complainant stated she hung her purse on a coat rack while working. She later noticed the zipped purse, was open and \$140.00 was missing from her wallet.

Columbia, 12/30, 1953 hrs.

Complainant reported observing a male fleeing from his garage with a case of beer. Complainant gave chase. The suspect placed the beer inside a waiting dark colored Ford Taurus, which drove off. The suspect continued to run on foot. Officers responded to the registered address of the vehicle owner and spoke to the 16-year-old male driver's parents who ordered their son home via cell phone. He returned and the two other males whom had been in the car with him were also contacted and directed to the residence. The investigation revealed he and two 16-year-old male friends also from Troy were driving around when one of them told him to stop in front of the house in question. That subject got out ran into the garage, emerged with a case of beer, placed it in the car, and took off on foot with the homeowner chasing him. The driver and the other passenger hid the beer in a nearby wooded area so they wouldn't have it in their possession in case they got stopped. Shortly thereafter the suspect who had been out on foot called them via cell phone and they picked him up. The driver drove the passengers home at which point he was summoned to return to his house by his parents. Officers recovered the beer in the woods where it had been hidden. Juvenile petitions were initiated against all three for the "larceny" and they were turned over to their respective parents.

Office, 591 W. Big Beaver, 1/1, 1300-1500 hrs.

Cell phone stolen from complainant's workstation.

#### Larcenies from Autos:

Damoci Custom Homes, 1717 Stutz, 12/17-12/28

Company panel van parked in lot entered by punching out a lock cylinder. Power tools and generator stolen.

Brentwood, 12/27-12/28, 1700-0710 hrs.

Four hubcaps stolen from GMC Envoy parked in lot.

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.

#### 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

**Olympia, 12/26-12/27, 2200-0800 hrs.  
Unlocked GMC Envoy entered and Sirius satellite radio tuner stolen.**

**Business Lot, 2826 Industrial Row, 12/30, 1620-1720 hrs.  
A '07 Mercury Cougar parked in lot had passenger side window broken out and purse stolen.**

#### Malicious Destruction of Property:

**Lockmoor, 12/27-12/29  
Basement window broken open. No entry gained and nothing missing.**

#### Retail Fraud:

**Radio Shack, 817 E. Big Beaver, 12/28, 1400 hrs.  
Complaint reported subject entered the store and asked to see a cell phone which complainant had to retrieve from stock in the backroom. When complainant returned to the counter the subject was quickly exiting. Complainant discovered 3 iPods missing from the counter.  
Subject: W/M, 30's, 5-8, short straight brown hair, wearing a dark colored leather coat.**

#### Suspicious Incidents:

**Cypress, 12/30, 1740 hrs.  
Complainant reported scaring off a male approximately 17-years-old dressed in dark clothing from her garage area. He was last seen running away on foot.**

#### 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:

**The First meeting for 2007 of the Troy Community Coalition for the Prevention of Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Abuse is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Troy Police and Fire Training Center, which is located on the east side of John R just south of Long Lake. All are welcome. Contact 248-823-5088 for additional information.**

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

**Miscellaneous Information:**

On 12/30 at 0730 hours Troy Police and Fire responded to a report of a house fire with an occupant still inside. Upon arrival officers located a female in the drive. The garage was open and there was a small amount of smoke visible inside the garage. The female told officers her disgruntled husband was still inside and was refusing to come out. She handed officers a key, which they used to unlock the front door. The male subject tried to hold the door closed against officers' attempts to enter indicating he didn't want to come out. They were able to gain access, however he retreated inside the home. Officers located a small fire in the dining room with the carpet and part of a wall covering burning. The house was filling with smoke and the fire alarms were going off. Officers eventually located the subject in the family room. He had to be forcibly carried out resisting officers and trying to pull away while making statements he wished to be left inside the burning house. Investigation revealed he gathered some paper and clothing on the floor near the wall and lit them using several matches. His wife was present and attempted to stop him. She tried to put the fire out once it started. He grabbed her and removed her from the home and then returned and locked himself back inside. She called 911 from the garage. He was transported to the hospital where he was admitted for psychological evaluation. No injuries and the fire was extinguished by the Troy Fire Dept.

Woman's white 26" 15-speed mountain bike found abandoned on pathway that leads from Hempstead to Castleton Elementary School.

Black 20" BMX type bike found abandoned near the curb on Boyd Street.

**Arrest Summary:**

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

Domestic Assault: 3

Drunk Driving: 3

Driving Under the Influence of Marijuana: 1

Retail Fraud: 5

Drove While License Suspended: 7

Warrants: 9

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, 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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BUSINESSES:**

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