



Police Crime Alert

Community Services Section

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Crime Alert for period ending January 19, 2007

Assist Other Department/Law Enforcement:

Troy Beaumont ER, 44201 Dequindre. Officers responded to two different reports of assault victims seeking treatment for injuries. Investigation revealed both occurred in other jurisdictions, which were contacted, and the cases turned over to them.

Auto/Vehicle Thefts:

Business Lot, 1650 Research, 1/16, 0815-1802 hrs.

A '06 Dodge Caravan had door locks punched and ignition lock pried out.

Business Lot, 1775 Research, 1/16, 1155-1715 hrs.

A '98 Plymouth Grand Voyager was stolen from lot.

Apartment Complex Lot, 900 block of John R, 1/16, 1400-1930 hrs.

A '07 Jeep Liberty had the driver's side door lock pried and steering column broken/damaged.

Gloucester, 1/17, 2020-2220 hrs.

A '02 Dodge Intrepid stolen from lot.

Events & Programs

Please click or go to the below link for community events for the coming January 19th – January 26 Week!

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

COMMUNITY
KALEIDOSCOPE PROMISES
AN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY
FUN!
the Troy Community Center on
January 28

(TROY, MI) - Come on in out of the cold for the 11th Annual Community Kaleidoscope, Sunday, January 28.

This popular winter community gathering will run from 12-4 pm at the

Breaking and Entries:

Atlas Market, 36949 Dequindre, 1/17, 0135 hrs.

Officers responding to an alarm discovered front door glass smashed out, however no entry was gained and nothing taken.

Credit, Check, Identity Theft, and other Fraud:

Complainant reported she purchased a quilting machine on an Internet buy/sell website for \$6016.98. She paid with a cashier's check, which was received and deposited by the seller, however complainant never received her merchandise. The site is investigating.

Chase Bank ATM, 1735 E. Big Beaver, 5/1/06

FM Financial Credit Union representative reported subject opened an account and then deposited a check for \$2990.00 into the Chase Bank ATM machine in Troy. A withdrawal against the deposit was then made at the same ATM machine. The check eventually came back "account closed." When credit union contacted subject, he claimed he never got his ATM card and denied making the deposit and withdrawal. The complainant reported similar incidents involving subject's account at locations outside of Troy, as well.

Complainant reported someone used complainant's debit account number to make a fraudulent phone purchase at a store in California.

Acacia and Piedmont, 1/17, 2249 hrs.

Officer observed a '97 Dodge Stratus cruising the lots in an industrial subdivision after hours, and stopping behind closed businesses. A query of the license plate indicated the registered owner had an outstanding felony warrant from another jurisdiction. The officer stopped the vehicle after it left the area. The 41-year-old male driver from Rochester Hills stated he was traveling home from Eastpointe and initially denied making any stops. When the officer pointed out that he observed him in the industrial area, he claimed he was just driving through to check it out. He was arrested for the warrant. He was found in possession of a credit card in someone else's name. The suspect claimed the card belonged to his boss and he had permission to have/use it. A call to the cardholder revealed the card was given to the suspect to return an item purchased at a store. The suspect was supposed to have turned the card back in. The owner stated he was contacted by his credit card company regarding several suspicious purchases that the owner determined were fraudulent/made without permission. The owner advised the suspect did not have permission to be in possession of the card, nor was he authorized to make purchases with it.

Troy Community Center. There is **no admission fee** for the event.

Many engaging activities are featured for the entire family, including live entertainment by the Troy Country Fiddlers, ethnic dancing, indoor sports and swimming, music by DJ David B, and a community resource expo. Food will be available at a nominal charge.

"This is a great event to help fend off those winter blahs," Cindy Stewart, City of Troy Community Affairs Director, said. "There is literally a 'kaleidoscope of fun' planned to help folks get better acquainted with Troy's facilities, programs and services.

"Take a swim in the Community Center's indoor pool with waterslides. Play basketball in the state-of-the-art gym. Check out the free group fitness classes in Swiss Ball (10:30-11:30 am) and Cycle & Sculpt (11:30 am -12:30 pm). Go bowling (compliments of Troy Lanes) and enjoy other activities such as face painting, story telling, Legos®, Mancala, Bingo and games. See special demonstrations by the Troy Museum. Don't miss the chance to meet the Police Canines at 1 p.m. and Sparky and Faith the Fire Dogs at 2 p.m.," Stewart said.

Complainant reported subject purchased \$6000.00 worth of flight tickets through their website with a check that bounced; complainant has been unable to collect the money owed. Subject's address is out of Texas.

Complainant came to station to report someone stole his grandmother's car in October of 2005 and his wallet was inside at the time of the theft. Since then, someone has used his license on several occasions, including during a traffic stop in Troy for expired license plates last October. Investigation determined the owner of the car that was stopped by the Troy officer is a 23-year-old male from Troy whose license is suspended and has several warrants out for his arrest.

Target, 1301 Coolidge, 1/17, 1215 hrs.

LPO's (Loss Prevention Officers) reported a female subject attempted to make a purchase with a check that the computer rejected. The transaction was refused and the subject left. Follow-up with the bank indicated the check was counterfeit.

Domestics/Family Troubles:

Complainant reported her ex-boyfriend who is a co-worker took her laptop in for repairs. Apparently he signed it in under his name. When she contacted the repair service to check on its status to try and get it back, she discovered he already picked it up.

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

Drugs/Narcotics:

Farmer Jack's Lot, 3125 John R, 1/12, 2317 hrs.

Officers investigated a suspicious occupied vehicle parked in the lot and discovered one of the occupants, a 26 year old male from Sterling Heights in possession of a small amount of marijuana. He was ticketed and released at the scene.

Drury Inn Lot, 575 E. Big beaver, 1/14, 0522 hrs.

Officers investigated a suspicious occupied vehicle parked in the lot and discovered one of the occupants, a 24 year old male from Detroit, in possession of a small amount of marijuana. He was ticketed and released at the scene.

Lovington and Dequindre, 1/13, 0030 hrs.

Crime Prevention Tips

Home Invasion / B&E

Always secure your doors and windows.

Ø Garages and door walls are targets for thieves.

Ø Always ensure your garage door and pedestrian doors are secured.

Ø Do not leave garage door remote controls in cars not parked in the garage.

Ø Use 1 ½" dowel rod in the track of all sliding glass windows and doors to help prevent them from opening.

Ø It has been proven time and time again that the proper use and application of physical security will stop a would-be burglar.

Ø Burglary alarms are only as reliable as the person setting them. If you have an alarm, make sure that every resident or employee knows how to activate and deactivate it, as well as the

Officers stopped a car for speeding and discovered the driver, a 17-year-old male from Troy in possession of a small amount of marijuana. He was ticketed and released at the scene.

Drunk/Intoxicated Driving Incidents of Interest:

S/B I-75 near Crooks, 1/12, 1950 hrs.

Complainant reported his car struck from behind by a red Honda CR-V which was not stopping and that he was following. Responding officers located the suspect vehicle and stopped it south of Rochester. The 36-year-old female driver admitted striking complainant's car, but claimed she was unable to get over to the shoulder to stop due to traffic. (Crash occurred 5 miles north of location officers located her still driving.) Officers detected a strong odor of intoxicants on her breath, her speech was slurred and she was unsteady on her feet. She claimed she "only had one beer three hours earlier." She failed sobriety tests and was arrested. She blew 0.19 on a breath test and was charged as a "second offense drunk driver," as well as for "Failing to Stop and ID at the Crash."

Embezzlements:

Consumer Testing, 350 E. 14 Mile, 12/26-12-27

Complainant discovered several company checks cleared that were out of order, as well as automatic withdrawals on the company's bank statement for bills that were not the companies. Five suspicious transactions discovered in total for approximately \$1100.00.

Macy's, 500 W. 14 Mile, 12/8-12/19

LPO's discovered a 30-year-old female employee from Detroit was processing fraudulent return transactions at her register. A total of six transactions involving \$1511.00 were detected. Suspect issued herself vouchers or gift cards on four occasions. On two others, a friend of the suspect brought two coats from the sales floor to suspect's register for which suspect processed fraudulent refunds and issued the 37 year old female from Westland gift cards.

Larcenies:

Squire Ct., 1/10-1/11, 2200-0800 hrs.

An 18-foot flatbed trailer with a New Holland Skidster and two fork attachments were stolen.

Chuck E. Cheese, 740 John R, 1/13, 1830-1911 hrs.

Complainant reported her purse was stolen from the booth she and her family had been sitting in. She stated there was a group of youths in the booth that abutted hers. She called her cell-phone that was inside the purse, and someone answered but immediately hung up. She was

security code.

Vandalism Prevention

The best way to protect yourself from this crime, or from being held financially responsible for the acts of your kids, is to know where your children are, what they are doing, and whom their friends are. Kids are very tech-savvy, and use the latest means to communicate. We have had numerous cases where middle and high-school aged kids have made clandestine plans using their home computer and instant-messaging programs (AIM, Yahoo Messenger, etc.) to communicate with their friends, unbeknownst to their parents (no phones ringing in the middle of the night.) They sneak out of the house and meet up to go and commit all sorts of crimes. This is not only illegal, but it is very dangerous.

- Talk with your kids and encourage them to tell you about any problems with other kids.
- Monitor your child's instant messages.
- Don't put computers with Internet access in their bedrooms.
- Lock the doors to the house and set alarms when

able to determine from the cell company that the phone had been used to make one call to a 248 area code number, and five others to 313 area code numbers.

Hamman, 1/1-1/16

Air-conditioning unit stolen after complainant moved out. Theft discovered when complainant stopped by to check on house.

Henry Ford, 1/12-1/15

Complainant discovered one of three deposits for approximately \$1400.00 missing from on-site safe.

Silverstone, 12/6-12/21

Complainant reported two personal checks stolen from his checkbook. Thefts discovered when complainant received bank statement which indicated checking account was over-drawn.

Troy Beaumont Hospital, 44201 Dequindre, 1/8, 1000-1200 hrs.

Complainant stated she left her purse unattended on the nightstand in her husband's room while she and he walked the hallway. After she left the hospital, she discovered \$200.00 in cash missing from her wallet.

JE Myles, 31 Executive, 1/1/06-1/1/07

Complainant contacted police to report a series of missing/stolen items over the last 12 months. Items taken/missing include cash, credit card, shop power tools, digital camera, brass and aluminum. Several thousand dollars worth of valves, pumps, and motors were not accounted for in an inventory. Complainant indicates some of these shortages may be due to a record keeping issue rather than a theft, but cannot rule thievery out.

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 a cup coffee for \$1.58, which he paid with a \$50.00 bill and 58 cents. When she returned the \$49.00 change, he told her he didn't want to break the \$50.00 bill after all and asked for it back. While continuing to engage her in conversation about the change and transaction, he combined the \$49.00 change she had returned to him with the original \$50.00 bill he had convinced her to give him back, and asked her if he could just give her the \$100.00 total in exchange for a \$100.00 bill. She took the money and gave him a \$100.00 bill from the register. He left ahead \$50.00. Suspect: W/M, 30's, short wavy black hair, medium build, unshaven/stubble.

We have obtained a video of this quick-change scam that clearly shows the suspect/transaction

you go to bed.

- Make a habit of checking on the kids, no matter what age, in the middle of the night, just to make sure they are where they are supposed to be (especially when hosting sleepovers.) Let them know that you are checking.
- Check your vehicles for new damage or signs of being involved in vandalism - Mud on tires or wheel-wells, baseball bats with gouges or glass in them, egg cartons, knives or other sharp objects that are out of place in a car, cans of spray paint or shaving cream (yes shaving cream and eggs damage paint.)

If you suspect that your kids have been out vandalizing property, or committing any other crimes, you can contact the Police Department Juvenile Unit, or Troy Youth Assistance for advice.

Juvenile Unit – 248-524-3451
[Youth Assistance](#) - 248-823-5095

**Whether you need
a rose,
a hose,
clothes,**

**or someone to clean your carpets,
the Troy Chamber of Commerce**

Office, 901 Wilshire, 1/15-1/16, 1700-1300 hrs.

Complainant's old work computer tower that he placed under/next to desk after he purchased it from his employer was stolen.

Entertainment Publications, 1414 E. Maple, 1/17, 1600-1840 hrs.

Purse stolen from office. Complainant learned from credit card company that a fraudulent ATM withdrawal was attempted at a gas station in Detroit after the theft.

Larcenies from Autos:

Troy Library, 510 W. Big Beaver, 1/14, 1100 hrs.

A 48-year-old female complainant from Troy reported she parked her car in front of the library and walked up to the drop box to return a book and CD. She left her 7-year-old son inside the car while doing so. She stated as she was walking back, she observed a white SUV that had been parked near the front door driving away. When she arrived at her car, she discovered her purse was gone. Her son advised that a dark skinned male, with white hair and a mustache, 6-2, heavy set, wearing a green shirt opened the door, took the purse and then left in a silver-grey vehicle, possibly the same light colored SUV she saw driving away. When her husband checked on the credit cards, he discovered one of her cards had already been fraudulently used at a gas station and a store.

Office Lot, 215 E. Big Beaver, 1/9, 1400 hrs.

Purse stolen from '06 Chevy parked in lot.

Shopping Plaza Lot, 1237 Coolidge, 1/12, 1100-1300 hrs.

Passenger side cargo door lock punched on utility service van and duffle bag stolen from inside while technician was servicing a nearby ATM machine.

Business Lot, 1755 Maplawn, 1/13

Tires and wheels stolen from '04 Cadillac parked in lot.

Malicious Destruction of Property:

Boyd, 1/11, 2137 hrs.

Complainant reported observing a male subject with a dark hooded sweatshirt spray painting the side of garage in the neighborhood. Suspect fled to awaiting white Dodge Neon, which drove off as suspect entered.

probably has a member to help you!
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Axtell, 1/12-1/13, 2100-0900 hrs.

Rear window of '01 Chevy Silverado pickup cap broken out.

Construction Site, Amberwood, 1/12, 1600-1630 hrs.

Three windows of house under construction shot/damaged with pellets/pellet guns. Two males on bikes were observed in the vicinity of the home prior to the damage being discovered.

Apartment Complex Clubhouse, Coachman, 1/15-1/16, 1800-0730 hrs.

Complainant indicated the walls of the clubhouse were spray painted with "No Heat" and "No Rent" sayings in several areas. No sign of forced entry. Tenants have a passkey.

Complainant was aware of only one heating issue in the complex and indicated it had been repaired.

Phone Calls/Harassment/Threats:

Two harassing phone calls reports taken.

Two threatening phone call reports taken.

One threatening e-mail report taken.

One threat from a co-worker report taken.

Retail Fraud:

Sak's, 2901 W. Big Beaver, 1/13, 1816 hrs.

LPO's reported observing a B/M, between 20-30 years old, wearing a gold Carhart jacket, white shirt, and jeans, conceal a bottle of cologne valued at \$67.50 and exit without paying. He was last seen entering a white older model Ford Crown Victoria with tinted windows that was waiting outside the Coolidge exit doors next to the curb.

Burberry Store and Gucci Store, Somerset, 2801 W. Big beaver, 1/6 1000-1335 hrs

Complainant reported discovering 8 handbags missing/stolen from the shelves near the front of the Burberry Store. Total value approximately \$10,000.00. While taking the report, complainant directed officers to the Gucci Store for a similar incident. Representatives there indicated four handbags had been stolen earlier that same day from displays. Total value \$2770.00.

Suspicious Incidents:

Bingham, 1/10, 0300 hrs.

Complainant reported a noise was heard outside his residence at 0300 hrs. In the morning, complainant noticed garage pedestrian door slightly ajar. No entry gained and door had items stacked up against it such that it could not be fully opened.

Carter and Virgilia, 1/16, 0735 hrs.

An 11-year-old male told his mother when he returned home from school in the afternoon that while he was standing at the school bus stop that morning, a dark blue or brown mid-sized SUV was driving by. He stated it stopped, backed up, and the male driver who was the lone occupant of the vehicle started talking to him, asking him if he was cold. When the youth replied that he was, the male asked him to get into the car to warm up, to which the youth replied "No." The male asked him two more times, to which the youth responded "No" each time. A second youth approached the stop while the male was still talking to the first youth and reported hearing the driver talking to the original youth about a power outage. The driver pulled away as the second youth arrived at the stop. The driver never exited the car and he made no threats. He is described as a W/M, approximately 50 years old, balding with white or gray hair, spoke with a "cowboy" or southern accent. Neither youth recognized the car or driver.

Carter, 1/16, overnight

Approximately 200 plastic knives and forks stuck into the ground around bushes, trees, flowerbeds, and lawn of residence.

Welfare Checks:

Group Home, Beach, 1/13, 1422 hrs.

Officers responded to a report that a 32-year-old female resident was breaking objects in the home. She had calmed when officers arrived who assisted with transport to the hospital for evaluation.

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

Miscellaneous Information:

Troy Coalition's Annual Incredible Kids Nominations Open

**TROY RESIDENTS AND
BUSINESSES:**

Do you want to receive
future Troy Police Crime
Alert Emails?

Each year, the Troy Community Coalition partners with Campfire U.S.A. to recognize incredible young people in the community. Nominations are currently open for this year's program. Please see attachment for additional details.

Teen Suicide Seminar for Parents and Teens

The Jason Foundation in conjunction with Troy Youth Assistance will host a seminar for parents and students in Grades 6-12 on teen suicide at the Troy School Services Building on Thursday, January 25th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please see attachment for details.

Annual Smoking Cessation Program coming in February

The Troy Community Coalition has invited Dr. Arthur Weaver back to host this highly successful seminar to help individuals quit smoking. The program is free. It is made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Troy. It begins February 19th at the Troy Community Center from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Please see attachment for details.

See attachment for on-line survey information being conducted by the Troy Community Coalition on prevention strategies in Troy.

Arrest Summary:

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

Drunk Driving: 7 (One was a third offense-felony arrest.)

Retail Fraud: 10

Reckless Driving: 1

No Operator's License/Drove w/License Suspended: 6

Warrants: 7

Domestic Assault: 1 (Male suspect initially fled scene on foot; K-9 track located him hiding nearby.)

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