



# Police Crime Alert

## Community Services Section

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### Crime Alert for period ending April 4, 2008

#### Altercations/Disorderly Conduct:

#### Assaults:

#### Assist Other Department/Law Enforcement:

#### Auto/Vehicle Thefts:

N/B I-75 near Crooks, 3/27, 2006 hrs.

Officer ran the plate of a '03 Dodge Intrepid after observing a traffic violation. The vehicle came back stolen out of Detroit. The car was stopped. There was steering column damage visible. The 22-year-old male from Pontiac claimed he "bought the car from a friend of his cousin's in Detroit for \$1200.00." He stated the "seller showed him a registration and insurance certificate." The driver had no title. There was a key in the ignition, but it was suspected it may have worked due to the damaged steering column. The driver's license was suspended and he had several warrants for his arrest from other jurisdictions. He was arrested.

Oakland Mall, 412 W. 14 Mile, 3/27, 1900-2015 hrs.

An 18-year-old female complainant from Troy reported she came to the American Fun Center at the mall with some friends and set her car key/key fob next to a video game and placed her coat over them. When she went to leave, she picked up her coat and discovered the car keys gone. When she went outside to the lot, she discovered her '03 Ford Mustang gone. Her wallet, \$30.00 in cash, and an iPod were inside the car.

Bailey's, 1965 W. Maple, 3/29-3/30, 1430-1300 hrs.

### Events & Programs

Please click or go to the below link for community events for the coming April 4<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Week!

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

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday Erin!

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF TROY IN APRIL

April 5: Science in Seconds, Library, 2 pm. Enjoy cool, hands-on science experiments. Registration begins March 21. Ages 7 and up. Free.

April 5: National Scrapbook Day, Community Center, 9 am-9 pm. Twelve hours of scrapbook fun! You will have five-feet of table space, use of a tool table and die-cut machine. Includes a light breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks. Register: Fee: \$40.

April 5: Scout It Out, Nature Center, 9-11 am

Complainant claimed his '01 Audi A8 was at one of the dealerships in the Motor Mall at Maple and Maplawn for repairs. When the repairs were completed, he stated he "didn't want to leave the vehicle in the dealership lot so he picked it up and left it in the shopping plaza lot across Maple." When he returned later for it, he claimed it was gone. A check on the plate revealed it was queried by the Arson Unit in Detroit. Complainant told the Troy investigating officer he "needed to sell the car due to his father being unemployed." Investigation continues.

Woodside Trail, 3/28-3/29, 2230-0630 hrs.

'01 Dodge Ram reported stolen from apartment complex car port. While the officer was taking the report, a resident from a nearby street called to report an unoccupied Dodge Ram was left still running on his front lawn. Officers went there and confirmed it was the complainant's vehicle. The door lock and steering column were punched.

Woodside Trail, 3/28, 0734 hrs.

Complainant stated he started his '96 Toyota Avalon and left it running to warm up in the apartment complex lot. When he came back out, it was gone.

Coachman, 3/26-3/27, 1700-2300 hrs.

'98 Acura Integra parked in apartment complex lot had steering column cracked open in an unsuccessful attempt to steal it.

#### Breaking and Entries:

Sheffield Café; 3250 W. Big Beaver, 3/28-3/31; 1630-0750Hrs.

Entry via rear door pried open with \$130.00 taken from cash box and \$250.00 taken from register/ATM also attacked but entry was not gained into safe of ATM. Vending machine in building also broken into with undetermined amount of cash and coins taken.

5250 Corporate; 3/21; 1542Hrs.

Window pried off and alarm activated which scared off perpetrator. Incident captured on video. Suspect: B/M. Suspect vehicle: dark red mini van.

#### Crash Investigations:

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

#### Domestics/Family Troubles:

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

#### Drugs/Narcotics:

or 12-2 pm. Webelos can complete their "Naturalist" badge. Register. Minimum numbers required by March 29. Fee: \$7.

April 5 or 12: Princess Party, Community Center, 12:30-2 pm. Join us for a magical adventure as we play royalty with lots of princess fun and games. Register. Ages 3-5. Fee: \$10.

April 6: The Art and Architecture of Italy, Library, 3:30 pm. Michael Farrell continues his Sunday afternoon series as he explores the work of Raphael. Register. Free.

April 8: Book Discussion Group, Library, 7-8:30 pm. Adult book discussion group – "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen. Register at 248.524.3542. Free.

April 10: Step Into Spring Party, 12:30-2 pm. Game, literature, songs, art and finger plays will all revolve around the changes spring brings. Register. Ages 3-5. Fee: \$10.

April 10: International Story Time, Library, 7 pm. Drop in to hear traditional children's stories told in Hindi. Free.

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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)

**Drunk/Intoxicated Driving Incidents of Interest:****Embezzlements:****Kohl's, 1265 Coolidge, 3/26 and 3/27**

LPO (Loss Prevention Officer) reported after detecting shortages from cash drawers associated with a 44-year-old female cashier from Royal Oak, they began an investigation. On 3/26 they observed the subject conceal a \$50.00 bill in her pocket from one cash register, and then two \$100.00 bills from another cash register. On 3/27 they observed her pocket a \$100.00 bill handed to her from a customer during a cash sale she was ringing up. Responding officers identified the suspect and released her pending prosecution.

**Macy's, Oakland Mall, 500 W. 14 Mile, 3/28, 1215 hrs.**

LPO observed a 48-year-old female employee while inside a stock room place seven items of miscellaneous clothing with a total value of \$310.40 into her purse. LPO stopped her as she exited the store without paying. She apparently admitted to stealing approximately \$3900.00 worth of additional store merchandise prior to this theft. She was arrested.

**Home Invasions:****Breeze Hill, 3/28-3/29, 1900-1445 hrs.**

Complainant reported she and her husband left at approximately 1900 hrs. on 3/28. She stated she noticed three males and one female, in their mid to late teens, standing approximately 25 feet from the porch as they left. When they returned at 2200 hrs. they did not notice anything out of order. She stated they didn't hear anything unusual throughout the night, however the next day noticed the screen on the window leading into the basement from a window well had been damaged and removed from the frame. There were muddy footprints on the window where someone made an unsuccessful attempt to kick the window in. Investigating officers noticed the screen on the basement window in the window well at the condo next to complainant's was removed and the window open. Officers checked the condo and noted the basement had laundry detergent spilled on the walls and floors and the basement walls were written all over. Officers discovered a third basement window screen in a window well removed from another nearby condo, but it did not appear entry was made.

**Breeze Hill, 3/28-3/29, Unknown-0130 hrs.**

Complainant discovered the kitchen window on her condo broken out. No entry was made.

**Brentwood, 3/28, 1930-2245 hrs.**

Complainant reported when he returned home to his condo he noticed the basement grate leading down into the basement window well had been removed. When he checked, he noticed the window open. Officers checked the residence with complainant and nothing appeared missing; it is possible suspects did not enter. (Same condo complex as above incidents.)

- \* 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@troy.mi.gov](mailto:TroyPDCrimeAlert@troy.mi.gov)

**Crime Prevention Tips**

*Ø If you would like to have the security of your*

Larcenies:

**Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, 3/26, 1845-2115 hrs.**

Complainant reported she left her iPod on the bleachers in the gym while she played volleyball. When she returned, it was gone. The investigation revealed a subject was observed on video taking it. He was recognized as a 14-year-old male from Troy by witnesses. When officers went to his house to question him about it, he initially denied taking it. When it was pointed out he was captured on video stealing it, he produced the iPod from his pants pocket and turned it over to the officers. His father who was present was cooperative with investigating officers. The iPod was returned to the complainant; unknown if there will be charges yet.

**International Academy of Design, 1850 Research, 3/28, 1315-1600 hrs.**

Complainant reported she left her purse under her coat in a room while she attended a fashion show. When she returned, the purse was gone.

**Golfsmith, 288 John R, 3/30, 1200-1619 hrs.**

Complainant left his wallet in his coat pocket which was hanging behind the counter while he worked. He discovered his wallet missing and a fraudulent purchase against one of his credit cards.

**Walsh College, 3838 Livernois, 3/28-3/31.**

Digital picture frame taken from desk

**700 W 14 Mile, 4/2; 1800-1830Hrs.**

2008 Dodge license plate taken

Larcenies from Autos:

**Oakland Mall, 412 W. 14 Mile, 3/28, 1200-1500 hrs.**

'97 Pontiac Grand Am parked in lot entered and in-dash stereo stolen with no sign of forced entry.

**Office Building, 755 W. Big Beaver, 3/25, 1030-1730 hrs.**

'08 Nissan Pathfinder parked in lot had satellite radio, sunglasses, portable DVD player, cosmetics, and a wallet stolen from it with no sign of forced entry.

**Chuck E. Cheese, 740 John R, 3/27, 1800-2100 hrs.**

Driver's door lock punched on a '06 Chevy parked in lot. Interior of vehicle ransacked and a cell phone was stolen.

**Chuck E. Cheese, 740 John R, 3/27, 1915-2100 hrs.**

Door lock punched on '98 Chevy parked in lot. Interior of vehicle ransacked, though nothing appears missing.

*residence or business inspected please contact the Troy Police Crime Prevention Officer at 248-524-3464!*

## Harassment and Stalking

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

Malicious Destruction of Property:

Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Parkway, 3/29-3/30, 2359-0745 hrs.  
Obscene language and depiction of a lewd act painted on the north side of the building.

Clayton, 3/25-3/28, 2000-1400 hrs.  
'06 Chevy Trailblazer backed in drive had rear window shot/cracked with a pellet/BB gun.

Cheswick, 3/29, 0000-0615 hrs.  
'07 Chrysler mini van parked in drive had rear window broken with a rock.

Kristin, 3/28-3/29, 2330-0700 hrs.  
'07 Ford Fusion parked in street had front windshield smashed and roof damaged by a rock.

Newgate, 3/28-3/29, 2300-0600 hrs.  
'07 Ford Fusion parked in drive had a rock thrown through the rear window.

900 block of John R, 3/28-3/29, 2200-1030 hrs.  
'98 Chevy parked in apartment complex lot keyed along passenger side.

KDS Controls, 307 Robbins, 3/28, 0700-0800 hrs.  
'03 Olds Alero parked in lot had all four tires punctured and front driver's side window smashed.

Minors and Alcohol:Neighbor Troubles:Peace Officer/Civil:Phone Calls/Harassment/Threats:Retail Fraud:

Sun Glass Hut, Somerset Collection, 2800 W. Big Beaver, 3/27, 2015 hrs.  
Manager reported a W/M, approximately 21-years-old was observed picking up a pair of \$310.00 Prada sunglasses and walking out without paying.

Burberry Store, Somerset Collection, 2801 W. Big Beaver, 3/15, 1529 hrs.  
Manager reported discovering four handbags and a scarf stolen with a total value of \$5785.00.

Victoria's Secret, Oakland Mall, 412 W. 14 Mile, 3/30, 1715 hrs.  
Store manager reported observing two females and a male enter the store he recognized as

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.
- 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,

matching the description of a retail fraud crew that had been victimizing area Victoria's Secret stores. The group approached a bank of drawers that contained women's underwear. The male was observed stooping down behind the drawers as the females attempted to shield him from view. The manager was able to observe him removing handfuls of women's underwear from the drawers and stuffing them into a large white shopping bag. The manager yelled at the male to "stop" and tried to approach him, but the two females took up positions between the male suspect and the manager, blocking his access to him. They proceeded to physically block his attempts to grab the shopping bag full of merchandise with their bodies. One of the females had a black plastic shopping bag in her hand. As the manager made another attempt to grab the shopping bag full of underwear, she again tried to block his access to it. As she did, he was able to grab the plastic bag from her. Both females continued to block his efforts to take possession of the bag of underwear, yelling at him in Spanish as he did. All three eventually fled the store, leaving the shopping bag full of underwear behind. The manager was able to catch and detain the female from whom he grabbed the black plastic shopping bag. It contained 25 Victoria's Secret lip gloss tubes with a total value of \$175.00. 170 pair of underwear valued at \$1380.00 were recovered from the original shopping bag. The female was arrested. She provided a Puerto Rican ID card that appears fraudulent. A search for the other suspects proved negative.

Express, Oakland Mall, 330 W. 14 Mile, 3/29, 2010-2030 hrs.

Manager reported 171 shirts with an approximate value of \$4700.00 were discovered stolen from two display tables inside the store. Witness information revealed a 2005-2006 white Yukon or Tahoe and a dark colored, older model SUV, possibly a Ford, were observed in the parking lot with three Hispanic females and two Hispanic males moving several bags stuffed with merchandise from one vehicle to the other. The bags were described as older Victoria's Secret bags and white shopping bags. Additional information was obtained by investigating officers wherein a Hispanic male was observed exiting the Express store between 2010 and 2030 hrs. carrying a white shopping bag full of merchandise. He exited the mall via the main south entrance. Shortly thereafter, a second Hispanic male exited the Express store with a large white shopping bag full of merchandise followed by two Hispanic females. All three also exited the mall via the main south entrance.

Limited, Oakland Mall, 412 W. 14 Mile, 3/29, 1926-1936 hrs.

Manager reported discovering 51 shirts with an approximate value of \$2524.00 stolen from a display.

### Robberies:

Chase Bank, 2155 W. Big Beaver;

A B/M approached the teller and presented a note stating "Give me all the money or I start shooting"/Suspect obtained approximately \$2200.00 in cash/Suspect fled on foot/ Suspect: B/M, early 20's, 6'2", 215 lbs, with Goatee and mustache.

be extra careful to remove all items of value and secure your vehicle.



**Upcoming programs at the:**  
**Stage Nature Center**  
**6685 Coolidge Highway**  
**Troy, Mi 48098**  
**248-524-3567**



*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](#)

**Chili's, Oakland Mall, 402 W. 14 Mile, 3/29, 0028 hrs.**

A 26-year-old female from Waterford reported that while walking from the restaurant to her car in the lot she was approached by a male who inquired if the restaurant was closed. She told him it was, at which point she stated he "grabbed her and demanded she give him her purse." She stated she "tried to hold onto her purse with both hands and during the ensuing struggle fell to the ground with the suspect landing on top of her." She stated the "suspect punched her and continued demanding she release her purse to him." She stated she "attempted to dial 911 on her cell," at which point the suspect got up and yelled "Go! Go! Go!" to the driver of a small white older 93-94 vehicle parked nearby. The driver of the vehicle drove toward them and the suspect got into the passenger side door. The vehicle was last seen leaving the area E/B toward John R. The victim ran back inside the restaurant. The suspect did not get her purse. Suspect: W/M, early 20's, 6'-0," thin, clean shaven with a long face, wearing a black and white bandana on his head, a white hooded pullover, and blue jeans. A composite sketch is attached. It should be noted that although there is no evidence the male suspected of driving the get away car in the Troy purse snatch incident re-printed below (\*) from 3/21, he is still out. Troy and other jurisdictions have warrants for his arrest related to other cases than the purse snatch. Troy has submitted a warrant request for Fleeing and Eluding Police in this case. His photo is also attached

**Composite of suspect in Chili's case:**



**\*Aldi Foods, 2976 E. Big Beaver, 3/21, 0957 hrs.**

A 53-year-old female complainant from Warren reported she was approached while sitting in her

[events.](#)

**5K 4 TTA—Run/Walk**  
**Saturday, April 26, 2008; 9 a.m.**  
**Bloomer Park, 345 John R. (north of Avon)** Registrattion fee is only \$15 for students, \$25 for Adults or \$60 per family. Visit the coalition website at [www.troycoalition.com](http://www.troycoalition.com) or call the office at 248-823-5088 for more information and forms. Proceeds from the event will go toward prevention programs sponsored by Teens Taking Action (TTA) the Coalition's Youth Academy.

**Community Standards for Alcohol Use**



Whether you need  
 a rose,  
 a hose,  
 clothes,  
 or someone to clean your carpets,  
 the Troy Chamber of Commerce probably has a

car by a female subject who claimed she had locked her keys in her car and asked if she could use complainant's cell phone to get help. As complainant pushed in the number the subject provided, the suspect reached into complainant's open passenger side window and snatched her purse. Complainant yelled to a passerby in the lot that the suspect just stole her purse. The passerby followed the suspect vehicle, a green '98 Ford Explorer, and provided the license plate information to Troy dispatch via cell phone. Responding officers located it near Sparta and Big Beaver. It was being driven by a male. The Explorer fled and escaped as they approached/ attempted to stop it. Investigators identified the driver as a 27-year-old male from Birmingham and the female that took the purse as a 27-year-old from Port Huron. Madison Hgts. PD contacted Troy PD on 3/24 advising they located and stopped the suspect vehicle in the area of Concord and 14 Mile. The female was driving and was arrested. The male managed to escape on foot.

Suspected get away driver in above/Troy case: Christopher Alexander Leon, W/M, 27 years old



Christopher Leon

Suspicious Incidents:

Traffic Altercations:

Vandalism:

Weapons Offenses:

Welfare Checks:

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

Special Events Information:

member to help you! Visit the Business Directory anytime at: [www.troychamber.com](http://www.troychamber.com)

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**See attachments for Troy Coalition Special Events.**

**Miscellaneous Information:**

**Case Updates:**

**Arrest Summary:**

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

**Domestic Assault: 3**

**Drunk Driving: 5**

**Retail Fraud: 4**

**Drove While License Suspended: 4**

**Warrants: 4**

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