



City of
Troy

Police Crime Alert

Community Services Section

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Crime Alert for period ending July 25, 2008

Altercations/Disorderly Conduct:

Assaults:

Assist Other Department/Law Enforcement:

Auto/Vehicle Thefts:

Breaking and Entries:

Crash Investigations:

Credit, Check, Identity Theft, and other Fraud:

An 18-year-old male from Troy stated he placed an ad on Craig's List offering his services as a tutor. He received an inquiry as to how much he charged and replied \$150.00-\$200.00 an hour. He was later sent two checks totaling \$6700.00 dollars and instructed to deposit them into his account, take out his fees, and wire the rest in cash via Western Union to two separate subjects; \$2850.00 to one and \$3280.00 to the other. After doing as instructed, he was notified by his bank that the original checks were counterfeit.

If anyone sends checks to you and expects a balance sent back via cash – always

Events & Programs

Please click or go to the below link for community events for the coming July 25th – Aug 1st week!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF TROY IN JULY

July 25: Critter Crunch: It's Feeding Time, Nature Center, 10-11 am. Get an up-close look at the Nature Center's live reptiles and amphibians at feeding time! Ages 5 to adult. Register. Fee: \$3.

July 25: Craft Demonstrations, Museum, 10 am-noon. Watch our volunteers doing various crafts such as weaving, quilting, blacksmithing, and many more. Call for a schedule. Every Friday through August 15. No registration. FREE.

July 25: TGIF: Toys, Games and Imaginations on Friday, Museum, 10 am-3:30 pm. Imagine being a child from the past as you play with a different historic toy or game every week. Also, make a paper craft to take home!

assume it is a fraud!

An 80-year-old male complainant from Troy stated he gave his debit card to his 44-year-old female part-time housekeeper from Shelby Twp. to purchase items for him from the grocery store. He later discovered the card was used to make four unauthorized purchases in Troy and three in Sterling Heights for a total of \$631.00. When he confronted her, she admitted making the purchases because she needed the money. Prosecution is pending.

Complainant reported being contacted by her credit card company after the card was denied and learning it was used to make seven fraudulent purchases at two different stores totaling \$678.39. She stated she has her actual card in her possession and suspects the charges were made using her account number.

Complainant stated someone apparently created a counterfeit debit card using her account information and made two fraudulent purchases in Troy for \$47.69 and \$400.00.

A 28-year-old male complainant from Troy stated he received a text message on his cell from his provider asking if he changed his password and e-mail in which he had not. While following-up with his provider, he learned someone ordered a replacement phone in his name and had it delivered to an address in another city. Complainant went to the address to check it out and discovered the residence vacant, however noticed approximately ten different packages on the porch from various cell phone providers. Investigation continues.

Quizno's, 2846 W. Maple, 7/23, 1827 hrs.

Complainant made a purchase and received change which turned out to include a counterfeit \$20.00 bill.

A 35-year-old female complainant from Troy reported receiving notice from a collection company indicating she owed a \$700.00 payment on a \$22,000.00 student loan. It appears the loan originated out of Texas and according to complainant someone used her name without her permission as a co-signer on the loan.

Domestics/Family Troubles:

Troy Officers responded to one incident involving a family trouble/domestic dispute where investigation revealed no assaults or other crimes occurred, therefore no formal enforcement action was taken.

Drugs/Narcotics:

Continues every Friday through August 22. No registration. FREE.

July 25: Drop-in Fiddling, Museum, noon-1 pm. Bring your violin, banjo, mandolin, fife, or other instrument of choice for some informal music on the Village Green. For intermediate level and up. No registration. FREE.

July 25: JamFest for Teens, Aquatic Center, 8-11 pm. Swimming, volleyball, water hoops, music by bands Rex Mortis and Aria Aesthetic, dancing, free drawings for door prizes, and more. For high school students. No registration. Fee: \$5, includes \$3 food voucher.

July 26: Make and Take Saturdays, Museum, 11 am. Get crafty this summer with an interesting project each week. This week make tin-punch sun catchers. Continues every Saturday through August 16. Ages: 7+. Register; walk-in until full. Fee: \$5.

July 26: Library Babies, Library, 11:30 am. You and your child will have a blast with lively activities, fingerplays and singing stories. Ages 6-12 months. Registration begins July 11. FREE.

July 27: Craft Demonstrations, Museum, 1:30-3:30 pm. Watch our volunteers doing various crafts such as weaving, quilting, blacksmithing, and many more. Call for a schedule. Every Sunday through August 17. No registration. FREE.

July 27: Music in the Air, Museum, 2-4 pm. Bring a picnic lunch and lawn chairs and enjoy the vocal and instrumental folk music of Dulcimer Days. This family fun event features hands-on activities for kids and great music! Snacks will be available for purchase. No registration. Fee: \$5 donation for ages 18+.

July 28: Munch, Lunch & Learn, Museum, noon. Come hear a presentation about a piece of the Museum's collection and then enjoy eating your brown bag lunch in the shade. Continues every Monday through August 18. No registration. FREE.

July 28: Teen Movie, Library, 6:30-8:30 pm. Come into the cool of our Meeting Room to enjoy a "bug-based" PG-13 movie. Ages: 13-17. No registration. FREE.

Drunk/Intoxicated Driving Incidents of Interest:**Embezzlements:****Nordstrom, 2850 W. Big Beaver, 6/25-7/5**

LPO's (Loss Prevention Officers) reported a 20-year-old female cashier from Troy used another cashier's employee number to conduct two fraudulent refunds, one for \$71.23 and the other for \$260.76. She credited the amounts to her own credit account as payments.

Home Invasions:**Ferneleigh, 7/18, 1316 hrs.**

Officers responded to a report that a male subject broke out the front window of a residence and made entry. Officers arrived and arrested the 32-year-old suspect from Sterling Heights as he was exiting the residence. A hammer was recovered from a pocket of the blue jump suit he was wearing. A pair of white gloves that he was wearing when he entered was recovered from inside the house. A pillowcase that the suspect removed from a bed and stuffed with several DVD's, four jewelry boxes, checks, wallets and loose jewelry items was recovered from the living room. Several areas of the house had been gone through. The suspect's dark blue Jeep Commander that he parked in the drive was impounded. A ladder was recovered from inside the Jeep.

Larcenies:**Burns, 7/19-7/22**

A door wall, window, a 16' ladder and a wheel barrow stolen from a home under construction.

5th Third Bank, 7/20-7/22

Complainant reported a bank deposit bag containing several hundred dollars was missing from the night deposit box. Complainant stated the customer's representative claimed to have dropped it the night before. It was the only bag missing/unaccounted for.

Cadillac Looseleaf Products, 1195 Equity, 7/18-7/21

Numerous metal shelf brackets and frames stolen from rear lot.

Rite Aide, 2971 W. Maple, 7/22, 0800-0830 hrs.

Cashier left her purse on a cash register counter. When she realized she had left it and went to the counter, the purse was gone.

July 29: Fingerprint Bees, Library, 11:15 am or 1:30 pm. After our buzzy stories, please stay to make fingerprint bees. Ages 3+. Registration will begin on July 18. FREE.

July 29: Tales on Tuesdays, Museum, 11:30 am. Children are invited to listen to a special book under the Story Tree! This is a perfect opportunity to plan a picnic lunch! Continues every Tuesday through August 19. Ages 3-9. No registration. FREE.

July 30-31: Motorized Trail Tour, Nature Center, various times. This is an opportunity for physically challenged individuals to explore the 100 acres of the Nature Center during the peak of summer activities. After the tour enjoy some light refreshments provided by the Nature Center. Each time slot has space for three individuals in the motorized carts. Ages 5 to adult. Register. Fee: \$7.

July 30: Ships Ahoy! in Detroit, Museum, 9:15 am-5:30 pm. A day of boats and treasure! Enjoy a tour of Belle Isle's Dossin Great Lakes Museum, a cruise of the Detroit River with buffet lunch and live Dixieland music aboard the Detroit Princess Riverboat, and finally the Detroit Science Center's exhibit: Shipwreck. All ages. Register by July 14. Fee: Adults - \$72; Historical Society Members - \$67; and Kids under 12 - \$45.

July 30: Preschool Story Time, Library, 10:15 or 11:15 am. Independent listeners are entertained with stories, fingerplays, flannel board activities and creative movement. Ages 3-5. Registration begins on July 18. FREE.

July 30: Cabin and Candles, Museum, 1 pm. Visit our pioneer log cabin and see how settlers lived 150 years ago. Make two hand-dipped beeswax candles to take home. Continues every Wednesday through August 20. Participants must have completed first grade. Groups of 10+ must register. Walk-ins accepted until full. Fee: \$3.

July 30: Stuck on You, Library, 2-4 pm. Duct Tape Rules! Learn how to "build" a sheet of duct tape so you can make wallets, purses and other handy items that will be durable as well as fashionable. Ages: 13-17. No registration. FREE.

7-11, 5020 John R, 7/23, 2255 hrs.

Complainant stated she either left or dropped her cell phone while inside the store. When she looked, the phone was gone. When she called the phone, it was answered by a female who called herself "Candice." When complainant challenged her over having her phone, she hung up and would not answer subsequent calls. The service was canceled.

Larcenies from Autos:

Malicious Destruction of Property:

Maple near Barret, 7/23, 2315 hrs.

Complainant and his girlfriend were westbound on Maple near Crooks when a member of a group of youths who were out on foot on the north side of the roadway threw what turned out to be a crabapple at their '07 SAAB causing a dent in the passenger side door. The 36-year-old male driver from Berkley drove off the roadway onto the side walk where the subjects had been gathered and gave chase. The subjects fled on foot. Responding Troy and Clawson officers located a 16-year-old male from Clawson and a 17-year-old male from Oak Park in the area. They provided the names of their missing companions, indicating they were two 16-year-old males from Clawson and claimed it was one of them that had thrown the apple. A pile of crabapples was located on the ground where the group had been. The 17-year-old apparently parked his car on a side street in the area. He claimed they parked it there to walk to a restaurant which was a half mile away. When asked why he parked so far away, he stated he was "trying to save gas." They were released pending follow-up with their companions.



Typical Michigan Crabapples

Ranieri, 7/22-7/23, 2200-0745 hrs.

'02 Ford Windstar van and Ford Expedition parked in driveway were keyed.

July 31: What's Hiding Under That Log?, Nature Center, 10-11 am. Hike into the forest in search of logs and the invertebrate animals living underneath them. We will explore using magnifiers and bug boxes. Ages 3 to adult. Register. Fee: \$3.

July 31: Butterfly Magnet, Library, 2 pm. Craft a flower petal butterfly magnet with our supplies. Ages 8+. Registration begins July 18. FREE.

July 31: Summer Garden Party, Museum, 2-4 pm. Enjoy traditional English afternoon tea with sandwiches, scones, pastries and china service. Raffle prizes and a "Queen for a Day" drawing, beautiful flowers and music, and tea items to purchase will make this an event to remember. Ages: 7 to adult. Children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Register. Fee: Adult , \$30; Ages 7-17, \$25.

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

- * Work place safety
- * Alcohol abuse and prevention
- * Safety with Strangers
- * Home Security Audit
- * Personal Security
- * Got Caught
(Shoplifting talk for teens)
- * Choose Wisely
(Right choices for teens)
- * Home alone (home personal safety for teens and children)
- * Drug and drug paraphernalia talk for adults and also teens
- * Identity Theft
- * Internet Safety for adults and also teens
- * Harassing and Bullying Prevention for children
- * Retail Fraud Prevention

Complainant stated he had a dispute with a friend of a neighborhood teen that he believed was driving drunk in the area several weeks ago. While the officer was taking the report, the subjects in question drove by.

Jarman, 7/21, 0400-0730 hrs.

Lock cut off backyard storage shed and Scott lawnmower stolen. A hedge trimmer that had also been inside the shed was recovered outside the fence line.

Santia, 7/16-7/22

A Charbroil gas grill was stolen from the back deck of the residence.

Highland, 7/21-7/22, 0200-1800 hrs.

Two iPods and two sets of iPod speakers stored in a box in the laundry room were stolen from a house under renovation.

Prosper, 7/22-7/23, 1800-0900 hrs.

Lock cut off storage trailer on home construction site and four power nailers, extension cords, two circular saws, two belt sanders and two step ladders stolen.

Minors and Alcohol:

Neighbor Troubles:

Peace Officer/Civil:

Phone Calls/Harassment/Threats:

One harassment report taken.

One stalking/PPO violation report taken.

Retail Fraud:

Robberies:

Suspicious Incidents:

Traffic Altercations:

Vandalism:

Weapons Offenses:

Welfare Checks:

* 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



Crime Prevention Tips

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

Special Events Information

Miscellaneous Information:

Case Updates:

Arrest Summary:

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

Domestic Assault: 1

Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia: 1

Drunk Driving: 1

Retail Fraud: 5

Warrants: 7

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 Ameritech 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.

Detecting Counterfeit Money

All U.S. notes have security features on them to make them recognizable as authentic currency. In the past few years, The U. S. has been designing even more easy to identify, and more difficult to counterfeit. Some of these identifier features are:

- A watermark identical to the portrait of the president's face is visible from both sides against a light.
- Color shifting ink on the number in the lower right corner on the front of the note.
- Micro printing on the oval ornamentation portrait framing around the president's face on the front of the note; "The United States of America" is printed on it's lower edge.
- Fine line printing patterns behind the portrait and building picture on the note are difficult to replicate.

These and other features will become easy to recognize with a little practice in handling money.

The most economical tool to assist in this effort is purchasing a small black light for use by all clerks, and left or installed for their use at the cash register.

For further information, contact the Community Services Section of the Police Department, and/or your local United States Secret Services Office.

Suspicious Incidents / people

If it appears that someone is up to no-good, they probably are. Call the Police immediately. We are trained to investigate suspicious circumstances and determine if criminal activity is afoot.

The best security system that you can have is a “Nosy Neighbor.” Encourage your neighbors to be “Nosy,” especially if there is strange activity around your property. Return the favor by keeping a watchful eye on their property and reporting it immediately. This is the basis for the Neighborhood Watch program.

If someone or something seems “suspicious” to you or makes you feel uncomfortable, there is probably good reason for it. Don’t get into the habit of second-guessing your intuition and instinct.

Sexual predators are usually progressive, starting out with public exposure and leading to more risky and dangerous behaviors. You can check the state of Michigan registered sex offenders list at www.mipsor.state.mi.us for offenders that live in your area.



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

<http://www.troymi.gov/ParksRec/>

NatureCenter/SpecialPrograms/



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.
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We urge you to join us for one of our many exciting upcoming _

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 member to
help you! Visit the Business Directory anytime at: www.troychamber.com

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