



City of Troy

# Police Crime Alert

## Community Services Section

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### Crime Alert for period ending June 28, 2008

#### Altercations/Disorderly Conduct:

##### Assaults:

Villa Park, 6/16, 1400 hrs.

A 14-year-old female from Sterling Heights stated she was visiting friends at the townhouse complex pool when words were exchanged between her and a 12-year-old female from the complex resulting in the 12-year-old reportedly punching complainant in the eye.

#### Assist Other Department/Law Enforcement:

##### Auto/Vehicle Thefts:

Oakland Mall, 412 W. 14 Mile, 6/25, 1200-1930 hrs.

'01 Dodge Intrepid stolen from lot on northeast side of Sears.

#### Breaking and Entries:

##### Crash Investigations:

Entrance Ramp to Southbound I-75 from Rochester Road, 6/19, 2141 hrs.

Officers responded to a one vehicle crash involving a lone motorcyclist on the entrance ramp to

### Events & Programs

Please click or go to the below link for community events for the coming June 27<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Week!

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

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

June 27: Craft Demonstrations, Museum, 10 am-noon. Watch the Museum volunteers doing various crafts such as weaving, quilting, blacksmithing, and many more. (Every Friday June 27-Aug.15.) Call for a schedule. FREE.

June 27: TGIF: Toys, Games and Imaginations on Friday, Museum, 10 am-3:30 pm. Imagine being a child from the past as you drop in to the Museum to play with a different historic toy or game every week and make a paper craft to take home. (Every Friday June 27-August 22.) FREE.

**S/B I-75 from Rochester Rd. Upon arrival the victim was found unconscious but breathing laying approximately 25 feet from his motorcycle. The victim was transported to R.O. Beaumont Hospital and at 2331 hours he expired as a result of his injuries. No other vehicles were involved but two other motorcyclists that he was traveling with stopped and rendered aid. It is believed that his speed was too fast to negotiate the curve and he crashed when he applied the brakes while leaning into the curve. The ramp was closed for three and a half hours while crash investigators processed the scene. The victim is Osama Ghurab, age 36, from Dearborn. He was riding a 2000 Suzuki GSX-R 600 motorcycle. Alcohol is not a factor.**

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

**A 68-year-old female complainant from Troy reported receiving a call from a male caller who asked her if “she knew who he was.” She responded it sounded like her grandson. The caller claimed he was indeed her grandson and was fishing in Canada with friends, got arrested for fishing on an Indian reservation and needed \$3000.00 for bail. He claimed his auto insurance would reimburse her after he made bail, but would need her to wire him a cash advance now. When she handed the phone to her husband the caller hung up. Complainant was able to confirm her real grandson was not in Canada.**

**Complainant reported two on-line fraudulent charge attempts using her credit account number.**

**Peerless Steel, 2450 Austin, 6/5-6/11**

**Complainant reported four aluminum purchases totaling several thousand dollars were made with checks under the name of a previous customer’s company. The checks appear to have been forged under that company’s name and did not originate from that company.**

**Complainant reported an ex-boyfriend fraudulently used her personal information to list her as a co-signer on a car loan that he refinanced.**

**Complainant discovered a DTE account fraudulently opened in her name and billed to a residence with which she is not familiar.**

#### Domestics/Family Troubles:

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

#### Drugs/Narcotics:

#### Drunk/Intoxicated Driving Incidents of Interest:

#### Embezzlements:

**June 27: JamFest for Teens, Aquatic Center, 8-11 pm. Swimming, volleyball, water hoops, live music by the bands The Underground Sun and the Advocates, dancing, free drawings for door prizes. For high school students. Fee: \$5, includes \$3 food voucher.**

**June 28: Butterfly Puddle Stones, Nature Center, 10 am-noon. Create a piece of garden art that helps one of nature’s most beautiful creatures by offering them water during the hot summer season. Project completed during program time, but needs to dry for 3 days before going home. Register by June 21. Ages 12-adult. Fee: \$18.**

**June 28: Make and Take Saturdays, Museum, 11 am. Get crafty this summer with an interesting project each week. Crafts rotate among beeswax candles, tin-punch sun catchers and wooden napkin holders. Register; walk-ins also accepted until full. (Every Saturday June 28-Aug.16.) Call for a schedule. Fee: \$5.**

**June 28: Bug-igami, Library. 11:30- 1pm (Kids) and 2-4 pm (Teens). Create cool looking frogs or butterflies through the Japanese art of Origami paper folding. Register beginning June 13. Ages 7+. FREE.**

**June 28: Music, Movies, & Moonlight: Band “Impact 7” and the movie, “Night at the Museum” (PG-13), Boulan Park, 7 pm. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the concert and big screen movie at dusk. FREE. Concessions available to benefit the Troy Community Coalition.**

**Home Invasions:**

Hartshorn, 6/17-6/18, 2200-0700 hrs.

Rear living room screen pried off and found on the ground. Entry into the house through the closed/locked window was unsuccessful.

**Larcenies:**

Sunoco, 2017 Livernois, 6/18, 1700 hrs.

Complainant left her wallet on the roof of her vehicle while she pumped gas. She drove off, forgetting it was there. When she back tracked her path she was unable to locate it.

Construction site, Elarz, 6/16-6/18, 1630-1200 hrs.

Two hundred and fifty 2 x 4's pieces of lumber stolen from in front of condo under construction.

Lifetime Fitness, 4700 Investment, 6/14, 1200-1500 hrs.

Complainant stated he believes he left his Rolex Explorer II watch on a bench in the locker room; and he's been unable to locate it.

H and R Block, 363 W. Big Beaver, 5/9-5/12

Complainant reported the company moved from one suite to another in the building. When materials were unpacked, a lap top came up missing. Complainant stated it did not contain any sensitive information.

Kohl's, 1265 Coolidge, 6/24, 1530-1730 hrs.

Complainant stated she placed her wallet in the top of her shopping cart and covered it with clothing. When she went to check out at the registers, the wallet was gone.

Old Creek, 6/18, 1200-1000 hrs.

Gold opal ring stolen from ring holder in bathroom. \$10.00 in quarters stolen from an open shoebox in a closet. Complainant stated carpet cleaners were in the residence on the date the thefts occurred.

**Larcenies from Autos:**

Office Lot, 500 Stephenson, 6/17, 0820-1310 hrs.

Catalytic converter stolen from '98 Pontiac Trans Sport van.

Business Lot, 1324 Rankin, 6/18, 0630-1630 hrs.

Catalytic converter stolen from '99 Olds Alero.

Edgemont, 6/18-6/19, 2200-0730 hrs.

June 29: Craft Demonstrations, Museum, 1:30-3:30 pm. Watch the Museum volunteers doing various crafts such as weaving, quilting, blacksmithing, and many more. (Every Sunday June 29-Aug.17.) Call for a schedule. FREE.

June 29: Shared Inheritances, Library, 2 pm. Chinese in Troy: Preparing Beijing—A Historic Renovation of Olympic Proportions. Presentation honoring Beijing Olympic Summer Games; music and dance to follow. FREE.

June 30: House of Cards, Library, 7-8:30 pm. Learn to play Euchre, Pinochle, and Texas Hold 'Em. Instruction only. Teens. FREE.

**CITY NEWS & INFORMATION:**

June 2 & 16: City Council Meetings, City Hall, 7:30 pm.

June 23: Parks & Rec Summer Programs Begin, see [www.troy.mi.gov/parksrec](http://www.troy.mi.gov/parksrec) for the great variety of camps and programs available.

June 24-27: Summer Ecology Days, Nature Center

June 27: Garden Award Nominations due – call 248.524.1147.

The Troy Police Department offers the following free talks/

**Unlocked '07 Chrysler Town and Country van parked in drive entered and a shopping bag with approximately \$115.00 worth of coins was stolen from the front floorboard.**

**Milverton, 6/13-6/14, 2200-1000 hrs.**

**Unlocked '02 Toyota Corolla parked in drive entered and sunglasses and stereo subwoofer stolen.**

**Highbury, 6/21-6/22, 2230-0545 hrs.**

**Ford Expedition parked with passenger side window left open about two inches entered and a wallet and GPS unit stolen from console.**

**Brentwood, 6/25, 0100-0800 hrs.**

**Unlocked '04 Mazda 626 entered with bowling balls, bowling equipment and digital camera stolen.**

#### Malicious Destruction of Property:

**Wright Street, 6/24**

**Front window of residence found broken by unknown means with no entry and nothing taken**

**Scone, 6/25, 0200-0830 hrs.**

**Front storm door window broken by a piece of ceramic with no entry and nothing missing.**

#### Minors and Alcohol:

**Clarke, 6/21, 1400 hrs.**

**A 17-year-old female from Clawson called police after being summoned to the residence by a 15-year-old male from Troy reporting there were minors there that were intoxicated. Officers found a 14-year-old male from Troy passed out. He was transported to the hospital. There were two other minors present, the 15-year-old that contacted the complainant along with a 16-year-old male, also from Troy. They were conscious and responsive. They blew 0.12 and 0.17 on PBT's (Preliminary Breath Tests) respectively. They were also conveyed to the hospital for evaluation. Parents were contacted. The three minors were issued MIP (Minor in Possession) tickets at the hospital and left in the custody of their parents and medical staff. It appears they were drinking Vodka which one of the three had made arrangements to purchase through a friend of a friend.**

**52-4 District Court, 520 W. Big Beaver, 6/25, 1515 hrs.**

**Probation Officer reported 19-year-old male from Warren showed up for his appointment intoxicated. He blew 0.15 on a PBT. Responding officers issued him a citation for MIP and released him to a relative at the court.**

**Tanglewood, 6/26, 0115 hrs.**

**Officers responded to a report of a 17-year-old male from Troy that was highly intoxicated. He stated he drank beer and vodka earlier in the evening. He blew 0.16 on a PBT, was cited for MIP, and turned over to his mother.**

#### 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](mailto:TroyPDCrimeAlert@troymi.gov)

**Neighbor Troubles:****Peace Officer/Civil:****Phone Calls/Harassment/Threats:**

Two threatening telephone call reports taken.  
One harassing telephone call report taken.

**Retail Fraud:**

Macy's, Oakland Mall, 412 W. 14 Mile, 6/19, 9140 hrs.

Officers responded to a report of a retail fraud suspect fighting with LPO's. Upon arrival the suspect had been taken under control. Investigation revealed the 26-year-old female from Birmingham was observed entering the fitting room in the Junior's Department with numerous items. She exited with only three items. A check of the fitting room in question revealed empty clothing hangers. It appeared the remaining merchandise was concealed in a Bed, Bath, and Beyond shopping bag she was carrying. She left the department and the floor. LPO's approached her asking about the concealed merchandise in her bag, at which point she grabbed a pan, raised it, and told the LPO she would "F" her up. She put the pan down, picked up a blender and made similar threats while holding it in the air. She was eventually secured. While in the security office, she kicked a hole in the drywall. Officers learned her three and four year old daughters were with her 46-year-old male friend from Royal Oak in a play area in the mall. She authorized him to transport them home. The suspect was arrested and charged with "Felony Assault," "Malicious Destruction of Property," and "Retail Fraud."

**Robberies:****Suspicious Incidents:**

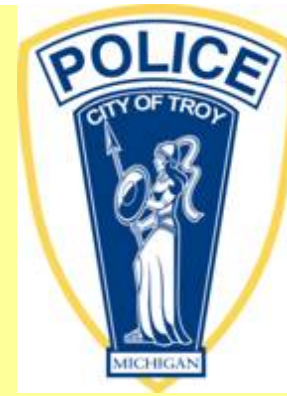
Fernleigh, 6/19, 1140 hrs.

Complainant was advised by a passer-by that a bag of garbage was on fire against complainant's wood fence, directly under a pine tree in the yard. Complainant extinguished the fire. She had placed the garbage at the curb for pickup the day before.

**Traffic Altercations:**

Wal-Mart, 2001 W. Maple, 6/17, 1423 hrs.

Officers responded to an assault in progress. Conflicting accounts were filed, however it appears a 60-year-old female from Royal Oak was driving through the lot with her 55-year-old female passenger from Madison Heights. She drove through and stopped between handicapped parking spaces. A 53-year-old male from Rochester Hills was parked in one of the handicapped

**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!*

**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.

spaces and said something to the 60-year-old female driver that she was improperly parked. Apparently her 55-year-old passenger took exception and began yelling and swearing at the male. The passenger eventually exited the car and began pounding on the male's driver side window while swearing at him. When she moved away, he tried to back up, but she was standing directly behind him, so he stopped, exited and approached her. He noticed she was writing his license plate down on a piece of paper on the trunk of his car. He pushed the paper and her cell phone which was also on his trunk onto the ground, at which point a pushing match ensued, with the female eventually punching the male and he pushing her to the ground. She claimed she sustained injuries and was transported at her request to the hospital. Unknown if either will be seeking charges at this writing.

#### Vandalism:

#### Weapons Offenses:

#### Welfare Checks:

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

#### Special Events Information:

#### Miscellaneous Information:

Rodney Court, 6/18, 1445 hrs.

A 50-year-old female from Royal Oak was walking an older Basset Hound for its owner when a Wire Haired Terrier broke free from a lead it was tied to outside a residence, charged the hound and bit it on the hindquarters, causing a small cut. Complainant was able to pry the dogs apart and return the terrier to its home. Terrier's owner apologized for the incident and advised complainant his dog was up to date on all shots and asked her to let him know if her dog was going to need veterinary care. No prosecution at this writing.

East Wattles, 6/17, 1730 hrs.

Complainant reported finding a baggie with a small amount of marijuana in the street near his mailbox.

Eldridge, 6/24, 0645 hrs.

An 85-year-old female complainant reported that while walking in the apartment complex, a W/M, approximately 45-years-old, exited a tan vehicle with a dark roof wearing only a long coat and exposed himself to her. He re-entered the car and drove away.

Magna Corporation, 1665 Research, 6/20, 1908 hrs.

Officers responded to a report of the driver of a silver minivan holding what appeared to be a

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 possession of them.

Ø Thieves wait for the right time and will take property quickly.

Ø Unfortunately you cannot always

long gun with a scope out his driver's side window as he drove through the parking lot. Officers located and stopped the van which was traveling through the lot on the south side of the building. The 39-year-old male driver from Warren had what turned out to be a pellet gun. He stated he just bought the scope for it that day and was checking/trying it out. He stated he had not fired any pellets. There was no evidence located indicating otherwise. It appears he works in one of the buildings in the immediate area of where he was observed. The pellet gun and pellets were confiscated. Possible city ordinance violation pending.

Livernois near South Boulevard, 6/25, 1715 hrs.

Complainant reported while southbound on Livernois the driver's side front wheel on his '97 Jeep Grand Cherokee came off. He was able to maintain control and pull off the roadway. Unknown what caused the incident with four out of five lug bolts reportedly still in place.

Dorshire, 6/25, 1210 hrs.

Complainant reported observing two 12-13 year-old boys on skateboards near his neighbor's mailbox. He observed smoke coming from the mailbox shortly thereafter, went out and tried to have the youths wait, however they took off on their skateboards. Upon checking, it turned out a smoke ball had been placed inside the mailbox in question.

#### Case Updates:

#### Arrest Summary:

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

Drove While License Suspended: 6

Drunk Driving: 2

Retail Fraud: 5

Warrants: 3

Domestic Assault: 2

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.

## 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 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

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Stage Nature Center  
6685 Coolidge Highway  
Troy, Mi 48098  
248-524-3567**

**[http://www.troymi.gov/ParksRec/  
NatureCenter/SpecialPrograms/](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. Troy, MI 48098**

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

## Community Standards for Alcohol Use

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a rose,  
a hose,  
clothes,  
or someone to clean your carpets,  
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