



City of  
**Troy**

# Police Crime Alert

## Community Services Section

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### Crime Alert for period ending June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

#### Breaking and Entries:

Whitesell Drive, 06/07/09, 7:00 am: Homeowner reports ex-husband forced his way into home and attempted to pressure her to allow access to computer.

#### Credit, Check, Identity Theft, Other Fraud:

T. J. Maxx, 350 John R, 04/10/09-05/02/09, 6:50 pm-1:00 pm: Unknown is presenting fraudulent American Express traveler's checks for payment, and then returning the merchandise for cash refund.

Two miscellaneous fraud reports.

#### Domestic/Family Trouble:

Troy Officers responded to four incidents involving domestic disputes or family troubles in which there were no reasons for formal enforcement action.

#### Drugs/Narcotics:

Residence on Cambria, 06/11, 12:18 AM: The Troy Fire Department responded to the residence on the report of a shed on fire in the backyard. Firefighters extinguished the fire and found a homemade marijuana pipe in the shed. The

### Events & Programs

Please click or go to the below link for community events for the coming: June 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> week!

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

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

June 13: 2009 Hershey Youth Track & Field Meet, Troy High School, 8:30 am. Open to Boys & Girls ages 9-14 (as of 12/31/2009). Registration forms available at the Troy Community Center. FREE.

June 13: Library Babies, Library, 11:30 am. Six to 12-month olds and caregivers will have a blast with lively activities, fingerplays and singing stories. Register. FREE.

June 13: Family Nights, Troy Community Center, 5-8pm. An inexpensive, fun night

pipe did not cause the fire. The resident's 15-year-old son admitted to making the device to smoke marijuana.

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

Beach Road & Lanergan, 06/10, 11:34 AM: An Officer observed a subject driving a 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee without lights. He stopped the vehicle for the traffic violation and arrested the driver for "Operating While Intoxicated, Less than 21 Years of Age." The driver is a 17-year-old male resident of Troy. Officers issued the two passengers citations for "Minor Consuming Alcohol." The passengers are 17-year-old and 18-year-old male residents of Troy.

#### Embezzlement:

Wal-Mart, 2001 West Maple Road, 06/08/09, 4:30 pm: Cashier stole four cashier's checks from customer.

#### Ethnic Intimidation:

Coolidge, 05/15/09-06/05/09, 12:00pm-8:20 pm: Unknown white male, approximately 42-50 years old with gray hair, has threatened residents based on ethnicity.

#### Home Invasions:

Reilly Court, 06/05/09-06/06/09, 8:30 pm-7:00 am: Beer, wine, and champagne stolen from refrigerator of open attached garage.

Kirts Boulevard, 06/09/09, 12:30 pm-6:30 pm: Laptop computer and cash was removed from home. Entry was gained through attached garage.

#### Larcenies:

Michigan College of Beauty, 3498 Rochester Road, 06/05/09, 12:45 pm-4:30 pm: Purse stolen from desk in classroom.

Oak Ridge Drive, 06/04/09-06/05/09, 4:00 pm-11:00 am: Eighty brick pavers stolen from front of residence.

Speedway Gas Station, 880 East Maple Road, 06/06/09, 8:10 pm: Complainant reports he inadvertently left cash on the counter. Employee reports a frequent customer, described as a white male, short hair, 5'7", approximately 40-years-old, took the money from the counter.

out for the family to enjoy quality time together while playing at the Community Center. Register. Fee: \$5 per 2 people, members FREE.

June 14: Shared Inheritances, Library, 2 pm. Romanians in Troy: Eminescu 120. Vasile Beluska, Professor of Violin at Bowling Green University, will perform a concert of Eastern European classical and popular music. FREE.

June 14: Chess, Library, 2-5 pm. Tom Manion presents a session of supervised competition for young enthusiasts. Register. Ages 7+. FREE.

June 15: Youth Summer Reading Program - "Be Creative" - Kick-Off, Library. Register online or at youth services to track the books you read for prizes. Plan ahead to attend the Summer Reading Program finale, "The Laugh Factory" with comedian Joel Tacey in August. FREE.

June 17: Walk With a Naturalist on Wednesdays, Stage Nature Center, 10-11am. Have a naturalist guide you through various habitats and answer your nature questions. Ages 3-adult (children must be accompanied by adult.) No registration. FREE.

June 17: Musical Mayhem, Library, 2 pm. Design a musical instrument to play and take home. Register. Ages 8+. FREE.

June 17: Gardening With Your Grandchild, Community Center, 6:15-7:15 pm. Grandparents and children will learn about vegetables, herbs, and other plants, in a creative way. Ages 3-5. Non-resident grandparent/child \$12, resident \$10 or for

Stoney Cove, 06/05/09, 12:00 pm: Two mail boxes on a stand were found open with no mail inside.

1187 Souter, 06/05/09-06/08/09, 5:00 pm-9:00 am: Landscaping trailer with lawnmowers, weed whips, and blowers were stolen from behind business.

Home Goods, 624 John R, 06/08/09, 2:30 pm: Wallet containing driver's license, credit card, and \$300 cash was removed from purse on bottom of shopping cart.

Petruzzellos, 6950 Rochester Road, 06/07/09-06/08/09, 2:00 am-9:00 am: Sixteen yew landscape bushes were stolen from east garden of business. Below are photos of yew bushes:



Hale Drive, 04/01/09-06/09/09, 11:00 am-12:00 pm: Complainant states that jewelry valued at \$10,000 is missing. Possible suspect is former tenant.

Nordstrom Rack, 822 East Big Beaver Road, 06/10/09, 12:00 pm-3:00 pm: Wallet containing credit cards was stolen from complainant's purse.

Garry Drive, 06/05/09, 2:00 pm-10:00 pm: Coach purse containing identification cards, insurance cards, credit card, cash, and two unfilled prescriptions was stolen from kitchen table during graduation party.

Residence on Hale, 06/11, 7:20 AM – 3:20 PM: Unknown suspect(s) stole a jewelry box and jewelry from a bedroom closet.

#### Larcenies from Autos:

Somerset Collection, 2800 West Big Beaver Road, 06/06/09, 1:30 pm: Olympus shock camera stolen from glove compartment of unlocked vehicle.

each additional child \$7 non-resident, resident \$5.

June 18: Anime Club, Library, 3:30- 5:30 pm. Students who enjoy Anime and Manga are invited to join the Anime Club to meet others with similar interests. No registration. Teens. FREE.

June 18: Evening Family Story Time, Library, 7 pm. Visit the library for stories, stay for milk and cookies. All ages welcome. FREE.

June 19: Drop-in Fiddling, Museum, 1 pm. Bring your instruments and play tunes with Ms. Anne. No registration. 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)
- \* 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

Kalamata Greek Cafe, 3149 Crooks Road, 06/05/09, 6:00 pm: Center pieces of four wheels stolen from 2007 Cadillac Escalade in parking lot.

John R, 06/08/09, 4:15 am: Driver's door window of 1999 Audi was broken and GPS navigation system stolen.

C. J. Mahoney's, 2511 Livernois, 06/07/09, 2:00 am: Golf clubs and GPS navigation system were stolen from Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Ross, 06/07/09-06/08/09, 8:30 pm-9:00 am: Purse with currency and sunglasses was stolen from 2009 Chrysler Town & Country van.

Granger, 06/09/09, 1:00 am: Cash and a cellular telephone were stolen from 2009 Lincoln parked in driveway.

Air Center, Inc., 1207 Wheaton, 06/07/09-06/09/09, 2:00 pm-8:20 am: Catalytic converters were stolen from four company-owned trucks parked in an enclosed area.

Joshua Drive, 06/08/09-06/09/09, 9:30 pm-8:30 am: GPS navigation system was stolen from unlocked Chevrolet Trailblazer. An XM radio was stolen from unlocked Buick Lucerne at same location.

Macy's, 500 West Fourteen Mile Road, 06/09/09, 7:30 pm: Victim was approaching her 2002 Cadillac in parking lot when she noticed suspect kneeling down beside her car. The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 40-years-old, medium build, sandy hair, wearing jeans and a light-colored shirt. He entered an older, large beige sedan driven by a white male, approximately 40-years-old and the vehicle fled. Three of four rim center caps were missing from victim's vehicle.

Malicious Destruction of Property:

Somerset Collection, 2801 West Big Beaver Road, 06/06/09, 6:15 pm: Individual was observed carving words into a pillar in the mall. He was subsequently banned from the mall for a period of one year.

Evanswood, 06/05/09, 4:30 pm: Windows of vacant home were broken.

Wattles Elementary School, 3555 Ellenboro, 06/04/09-06/07/09, 3:00 pm-10:00 am: Damage and graffiti to school signs and aluminum siding of school.

Cedar Crest & Avalon, 05/25/09, 1:10 am: Driver's side mirror was damaged on

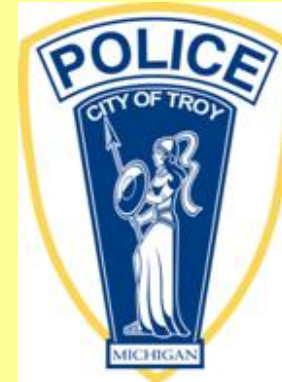
\* Retail Fraud Prevention

\* 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)



**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!*

**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**

1999 Mercury Mystique.

Rhodes, 06/08/09-06/09/09, 5:00 pm-8:00 am: For the second time in one week, complainant states that cooking oil was poured over the surface of his 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix parked on the street. The second occurrence included scratches in the paint.

#### Neighbor Trouble:

Police Officers responded to one neighbor trouble incident.

#### Phone Calls/Harassment/Threats:

Two Harassing/Threatening Telephone Call reports.  
One Threat report.

#### Retail Fraud:

Au Courant, 2801 West Big Beaver Road, 06/09/09, 4:45 pm: Complainant reports two individuals engaged an employee in conversation. During that time, a third individual entered the store, removed five eyeglass frames valued at \$1,383.00 from a display near the front door, and exited the store. Complainant witnessed all three individuals leave the parking lot together in a vehicle. Suspect one: black male, approximately 60-years-old. Suspect two: black female, approximately 60-years-old. Suspect three: black male, approximately 50-60 years-old, 6'0", gray hair, medium build, wearing black polo shirt and black pants. Suspect vehicle: burgundy Pontiac Grand Am. Sun Market, 34713 Dequindre, 06/11, 6:30 PM: An unknown suspect stole a bottle of soda pop and a bottle of water. The business owner confronted the suspect, who dropped the stolen items and fled on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 14-years-old, 4' 8" tall, 120 lbs, bald, wearing a blue tee shirt and tan pants.

#### Suspicious Incidents:

Estates Drive, 06/01/09-06/03/09, 10:00 am-3:00 pm: Driver of a black pickup truck knocked on door and asked for someone homeowner did not know. Individual described as Asian male approximately 30-years-old wearing khaki pants and dress shirt.

Montclair, 06/05/09, 11:30 pm: Three male youths wearing paper leaf bags on their heads knocked on complainant's door and then fled.

Bev's Hallmark, 829 East Big Beaver Road, 06/08/09, 7:25 pm: Two employees

**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 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.**

### **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.**

saw unknown individual leave employee stock room. Nothing was found to be missing. Individual is described as black male, late 30's to early 40's, approximately 5'7", medium build, wearing green jacket and black pants.

#### Weapons:

Residence on Dequindre, south of Dashwood, 06/05, 4:33 pm: A motorist travelling southbound on Dequindre observed a male subject pointing what appeared to be a shotgun at the driver of a pickup truck parked in the driveway of the residence. The motorist called the Police Department. The first Police Officer to arrive at the scene observed the subject in front of the home. He was pointing what appeared to be a black short barrel shotgun with a pistol grip at another person. He was holding it with both hands in a shooting position, just above waist level and pointed at a person approximately 4-5 feet away. The Officer, who was in full uniform and in plain sight, ordered the subject to drop the weapon. The subject turned and pointed the weapon at the Officer. The Officer fired one shot from his patrol rifle. The subject threw his weapon and dropped to the ground. The bullet did not strike anyone. There were no injuries.

After securing the 17-year-old subject, who resides at the residence, the Officer determined the shotgun was an airsoft gun.

Officers identified eight other youths between the ages of 10 and 17 and determined they were at the residence engaged in a game of airsoft, shooting the guns at one another. According to the 17-year-old subject, he did not initially comply with the Officer's verbal commands because he mistook him for a participant in the game.

Officers released the youths to their parents at the scene and took custody of 11 airsoft guns. The Officer, who discharged the firearm, is on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

Airsoft guns are highly detailed firearm replicas used for recreational purposes. The guns propel non-metallic pellets by compressed gas, electric motor or a manually operated spring. The replica firearms are often used to play games in which participants eliminate opponents by hitting them with the fired projectiles.

#### Welfare Checks:

Troy Officers responded to four incidents involving persons with emotional or psychological issues and assisted with transport to a hospital for evaluation and possible commitment.

#### Case Updates:

We reported the following information on the Daily Media Report on April 24:

***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.**

### **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.**

**Residence on Cobblestone, 04/23, 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM: Unknown person(s) forced open a rear patio door to enter the home. The responsible person(s) stole money and jewelry from a bedroom. A neighbor observed a suspicious older tan work van with a red stripe on the street at approximately 9:00 AM. It is unknown if the van is related to the home invasion.**

We reported the following information on the Daily Media Report on April 30:

**Residence on Devonshire, 04/29, 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM: The resident returned home to find the front door unlocked. There were no signs of forced entry into the home. However, unknown person(s) stole money from the master bedroom closet and a second bedroom.**

We reported the following information on the Daily Media Report on May 21:

**John R, 05/17-05/19, 5:30 pm-5:00 pm: Complainant reports unknown person(s) entered home through window and stole seven rings valued at 3,865.00.**

We reported the following information on the Daily Media Report on May 29:

**Autumn, 05/19/09, 10:00 am: The resident opened the door to an unknown suspect repeatedly ringing the doorbell. The suspect asked for the name of a person who did not reside at the residence. When the resident informed him that the person did not reside there, the suspect left the area. The suspect is described as an Asian male, late 30's to early 40's, 5'9" tall, medium length black hair, dark skin, and thin build. The resident reports seeing a suspicious small dark colored pickup truck with a silver roll bar in the subdivision several days before and on the day of this incident. Troy and other area communities have experienced recent home invasions in which the suspect(s) has/have used the same approach to determine if the houses were occupied. Witnesses reported a full size blue or black pickup truck with a black ladder rack in the area of two home invasions. In another incident, a witness observed a small gray or silver automobile in the area of the home invasion.**

We reported the following information on the Daily Media Report on June 4:

**Emerson, 06/03/09, 12:15 pm: Black pickup truck with empty ladder rack occupied by two Asian males reported in subdivision. One individual rang complainant's doorbell asking for Mr. Lee, other individual (approximately 30 years old, thin build) waited in truck. A check of the area produced negative results.**

In addition to the incidents occurring in Troy, Bloomfield Township and West Bloomfield Township experienced similar daytime home invasions. Investigators from the three police departments learned that the victims in the home invasions were of Asian descent and owned businesses.

**On June 5, at 9:35 AM, a Troy Police Department Canine Officer observed a dark green Ford pickup truck, with an empty ladder rack, in the area of Northfield Parkway and Waverly. He stopped the truck because it matched the description of the suspect vehicle in recent home invasions. It was occupied by two Asian males.**

Once the Canine Officer released the vehicle, plain clothes Officers from the Troy and Bloomfield Township Police Departments initiated surveillance on

- 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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the suspects. Officers followed them to the area of Foxfire Court in Bloomfield Township. At approximately 11:00 AM, the passenger exited the truck and broke into a residence through a door wall. He exited the home carrying a handbag and returned to the pickup truck. Officers arrested both occupants without incident.

As a result of a search of the pickup truck, Officers collected jewelry items, tools, gloves and a Korean community directory as evidence.

On June 7, the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office issued warrants for Home Invasion Second Degree on Jing Nan Zheng, a 39-year-old resident of Philadelphia, PA, and Bum Sik Kang, a 50-year-old resident of Philadelphia, PA. Bloomfield Township Officers presented the suspects for arraignment in the Oakland County Circuit Court. Magistrate Joann Faycurry set bond on each at \$500,000 cash or surety. Both suspects are currently held in the Oakland County Jail.

Arrest Summary:

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

- Four driving while intoxicated
- Two driving while intoxicated & license suspended
- One possession of marijuana and paraphernalia
- One taking vehicle without permission & operator's license never acquired
- One retail fraud and possession of narcotic paraphernalia
- Seven retail fraud arrests
- Three driving while license suspended
- Nine retail frauds
- One driving while license suspended, open liquor transport, narcotic equipment
- Three Misdemeanor warrant

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<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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**Community Standards for Alcohol Use**



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