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Visitors, Motorists, Drugs, Alcohol Top Enforcement Response Over July 4th Holiday Period

Police incidents over the July 4th Holiday period demonstrate the continuing challenge drugs, alcohol, and driving pose to all communities, including Troy. An unusual string of incidents involving drugs and alcohol were responded to, investigated, and lead to significant arrests over the period beginning July 1st and ending July 4th.

On July 1, 2004 at approximately 12:40 p.m. Troy Police were called to the Northfield Hilton at 5500 Crooks Road. A guest had found and turned in a purse from the parking lot. While inspecting it, the hotel manager discovered what appeared to be cocaine and marijuana inside. Shortly thereafter, a male subject called the desk advising his girlfriend had left the purse behind and he was on his way back to retrieve it. He and his girlfriend returned. He went to the room to look for the purse, while his female companion waited outside in the car. When police arrived, the male fled the hotel on foot out the rear door. He was observed walking on I-75 by a Michigan State Police Trooper who stopped to investigate what he initially thought was a pedestrian on the freeway in need of assistance. The subject fled from the Trooper. He was later located by the Trooper and arrested in a sandwich shop in the area of Long Lake and Livernois. Investigation revealed a large amount of a substance resembling marijuana was observed in the same room rented by the suspects earlier in the day. That was gone at the time of the current incident. A 9mm semi-automatic handgun was found in the vehicle the female had been located in. She and the male subject were arrested. 126 grams of cocaine and 25 grams of marijuana were confiscated from the purse. The Oakland County Prosecutor's office authorized warrants charging the 18 year old male from Pontiac and the 18 year old female from Rochester Hills with 1 count each of Delivery/Manufacture of Cocaine between 50-449 Grams which is a 20 year felony, 1 count each of Delivery/Manufacture of Marijuana which is a 4 year felony, 1 count against the male for Possession of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony which is a 2 year felony, and 1 count each for Carrying a Concealed Weapon which is a 5 year felony. The female received a \$25,000 personal bond, while the male received \$25,000/10%.

On July 1, 2004 at approximately 6:39 p.m. Troy Police were called to the Oakland County Probation Department at 1151 Crooks Road in response to a probationer smoking crack cocaine in the restroom. Investigation revealed a 32-year-old female from Bloomfield Hills was in possession of five rocks of crack cocaine. The female is on probation for a felony dangerous drug conviction in Alaska. She had just reported to her probation officer. She was arrested. The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized a warrant charging her with Possession of less than 25 Grams of Cocaine, which is a 4-year felony. She received a \$10,000/10% bond.

On July 2, 2004 at approximately 3:03 p.m. Troy Officers responded to a report of a man with a gun driving a Chevrolet Camaro in the area of Maple and Rochester. Officers located the vehicle on Maple near Livernois. Investigation revealed the lone occupant/driver was in possession of an Airsoft BB gun and ammunition, marijuana pipe, and cigarettes. The 16-year-old male Troy resident was detained, petitioned for Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia and Tobacco, and turned over to his mother.

On July 2, 2004 at approximately 11:30 p.m. Troy Police Officers responded to the area of eastbound Big Beaver and Daley Street where the victim of a hit and run crash was following the suspect



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vehicle. The crash occurred on southbound I-75 near Coolidge when a black Lexus struck the victim's Ford Thunderbird. The damage was minor and there were no injuries, however after the initial impact the Lexus left the roadway, struck the abutment in the median, and nearly rolled over. The victim called the incident in via cell phone and followed the Lexus, which fled the scene. When police officers caught up, the Lexus pulled into a business parking lot on Daly Street initially ignoring the officer's lights and siren. It was eventually blocked into a parking spot. The driver attempted to exit, but was detained. Investigation revealed she was intoxicated with a blood alcohol level nearly twice the legal limit. She was a 20-year-old Clinton Township resident. A small amount of marijuana was located in the suspect vehicle, along with a marijuana pipe. The female also had a fake identification in her possession indicating the person listed thereon to be 21 years of age. The suspect was arrested and charged with Drunk Driving, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia, and Failure to Stop and Identify at a Property Damage Crash. Her passenger, a 21-year-old male from Sterling Heights, was issued an Appearance Ticket for Possession of Marijuana and released at the scene. All charges are misdemeanors. Both suspects had been at a concert at DTE Energy Theater.

On July 3, 2004 at approximately 3:19 a.m. a Troy officer responded to a report of a female driver slumped over the wheel on the exit from southbound I-75 to westbound 14 Mile. Investigation revealed that the 38-year-old female from Milford on her way home from Pontiac pulled over to shoot up with cocaine. After she shot up, she passed out. 8 syringes containing liquid residue were found in her possession and in her vehicle. She was arrested for Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia, which is a misdemeanor.

On July 3, 2003 at approximately 9:20 p.m. Troy Officers responded to information that the occupants of a Mercury Cougar had approached pedestrians in the area of Maple and Rochester Roads and offered to sell them marijuana. Based on the description provided, Troy Officers located the suspect vehicle in the area of Livernois south of Maple. Four individually wrapped packages of marijuana weighing a total of 14 grams, along with a marijuana pipe were located inside the vehicle. The 20-year-old male driver from Troy and the 18-year-old female rear seat passenger from Madison Heights were arrested. The male's driving record showed 20 prior suspensions, and his license was suspended at the time of the incident. The front seat passenger, a 16-year-old female from Troy was detained, petitioned, and turned over to her parents at the Troy Police Station. The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized a warrant charging the male driver with Delivery/Manufacture of Marijuana, which is a 4-year felony, as well as Driving on a Suspended License 3rd or Subsequent Offense, which is a 1 year misdemeanor. He received a \$1000.00 personal bond.

On July 3, 2004 at approximately 11:30 p.m. Troy Officers were directing traffic at the intersection of Livernois and Park Street in conjunction with the Clawson Fireworks. A Dodge Intrepid approached the intersection on northbound Livernois at a high rate of speed and passed approximately 50 cars that were stopped in traffic. When one of the officers attempted to signal it to stop, it nearly struck him before skidding to a stop. The vehicle nearly hit the officer again as it lurched forward several times, ignoring his commands to stop. The vehicle fled the area, however a Troy officer located it several blocks away on Leroy Street in Clawson. When the officer stopped the vehicle, the driver and passengers immediately exited. Two unidentified female passengers fled on foot and escaped. The Troy Officer was able to detain the driver, and an off-duty U.S. Customs Officer who observed the situation, assisted and was able to detain a male passenger until back-up units arrived. The 21-year-



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old male driver from Milford was arrested. He had a blood alcohol level approximately one and a half times the legal limit. It was learned the subjects had been drinking at a bar in Royal Oak. The male passenger, a 24-year-old living in Wixom, was an illegal alien. He entered the country five years ago on a student visa and never left. His case was turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol. The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized a warrant charging the driver with Felonious Assault with a Motor Vehicle, which is a 4-year felony, as well as Drunk Driving, which is a misdemeanor. He received a \$2500.00/10% bond.

On July 4, 2004 at approximately 4:02 a.m. a Troy Officer observed a Dodge Intrepid stopped on the shoulder of northbound I-75 north of Big Beaver. The hood was up. The 18-year-old male driver from Detroit stated the car broke down and would not start. He had no driver's license in his possession. He was found to have several warrants out for his arrest from other jurisdictions. The 18-year-old male passenger from Detroit was found to be in possession of 2 small bags of marijuana weighing 4.5 grams in total. He was arrested for Possession of Marijuana, which is a misdemeanor.

While the number of incidents of this nature in so short a period is atypical for this city, they exemplify the impact drug and alcohol use and abuse have on all communities. The ages of some of those involved is disconcerting, and serves to reinforce the pervasiveness of the problem and the danger it represents to the health, welfare, and future of our youth.

The City of Troy Police Department wishes to thank the citizens who were willing to get involved and report their observations. They were key and their actions either directly led to arrests, or proved vital in the follow-up investigations associated with several of these cases. In addition, the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office once again proved their commitment in terms of assisting with the investigations, and issuing the various charges in these incidents. The performance of the individual officers exemplifies not only their individual dedication, but also that of the entire Troy Police Department to fighting illegal drug and alcohol use and abuse.

It is through the commitment to the partnership between the police, community, and prosecutor exemplified in this series of incidents that the City of Troy remains one of the safest communities in the nation.

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