

WEEKLY REPORT February 27 – March 4, 2012

RECOVERED STOLEN PROPERTY

On February 27th, at approximately 8:30 p.m., a teenage Oak Park resident and her mother came into this department to report the following: The teen had been working out at the Berkley High School gym and discovered that someone had stolen her Iphone from her coat pocket. The teen and her mother reported the phone stolen with the Berkley Department of Public Safety. The teen had previously downloaded an App to her phone titled "find my Iphone" and activated the app from her laptop computer. Using the GPS built into the phone, the teen located her phone at a home on Brittany Hill Court in Farmington. A check of the address revealed a seventeen year old male, who the victim knew, had also been working out at the gym. Officers went to the home and confronted the seventeen year old about the phone. The suspect initially denied taking the phone, but once he was told that the GPS had led officers to this home he advised that he did have the phone and went further into his home to locate it. After several minutes, an officer went around to the rear of the home where the suspect had exited the back door of the home and was running between the houses. The teen ran around the home and into the path of another officer. The suspect was arrested without incident and the phone was returned to its owner. The suspect is charged with receiving and concealing stolen property.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/WARRANTS OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS

On February 28th, at approximately 7:30 p.m., an officer stopped a Ford Taurus for running the red light at Farmington Road and Colfax. A subsequent investigation revealed that the driver had over forty suspensions on his driving record and fifteen warrants for his arrest. The man was arrested and charged for Driving While License Suspended.

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA/DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/WARRANT OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENT

On March 2nd, an officer observed a vehicle traveling northbound on Halsted, south of Grand River, with no working tail lights. A traffic stop was conducted on Grand River near Ten Mile. The officer detected an odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle and also observed a joint in the ash tray. The driver admitted to smoking the joint on the way to work. The officer also recovered three other joints near the center console of the vehicle. The driver was arrested for possession of marijuana and the vehicle towed by Hadley's. The officer also learned the driver was suspended and had an outstanding warrant out of the Warren Police Department. The officer cited the driver for Possession of Marijuana, Driving While License Suspended and an equipment violation. The driver was housed pending receipt of bond money.

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WIRES DOWN

On March 3rd, officers responded to the backyard of a residence on Annewood regarding wires down. Upon arrival, the officers observed a large tree had fallen on electrical wires during a wind storm. The impact caused an electrical wire to break from the pole and ignite the tree trunk. DTE was contacted. The officers were able to extinguish the burning tree trunk with dirt. The area around the downed wire was taped off and the residents notified.

RETAIL FRAUD

CVS reported that on March 2nd they noticed several open/empty boxed of cosmetics on top of a shelf. Review of surveillance tape revealed a routine customer was seen on camera opening the boxes and concealing the merchandise. The case is open pending CVS providing record of transactions made by the suspect along with witness statements from employees.

Update: Officers obtained the suspect's name. A follow-up by the detective bureau resulted in the arrest of the suspect.

STORM DAMAGE

A passing motorist reported that the rear (south) awning of the Vines Flower and Garden Shop appeared to have fallen off in the strong winds. The business owner was contacted and arrived on the scene to assess the damage.

WIRES DOWN

A resident on Meadowlark Street reported a wire down at the rear lot line of his property. Upon arrival officers determined that the wire was from a street light on Chesley Street and was not arcing and still intact but dangling in a tree. DTE was advised and was already in the area due to a wire down report from the midnight shift. It appears to have been caused by high winds in the area.

OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED

An officer observed a vehicle on the shoulder of westbound M-5 and Farmington Road. The vehicle was running with its headlights/tail lights activated. The sole occupant was sitting behind the wheel. The officer made contact with the occupant who explained he believed his muffler was defective. The occupant admitted to driving the vehicle. The officer detected an odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle. The driver admitted to consuming a few drinks at Lucky's in Southfield. The driver failed field sobriety tests with a PBT of .13(4). No alcohol was located in the vehicle. The driver was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) and the vehicle was impounded. The driver submitted to a breath test at the station with a result of .12/.12. The driver was cited for OWI and held until sober.

DISORDERLY INTOXICATION/TRESPASSING COMPLAINT

On March 3rd, at approximately 5:54 p.m., officers responded to the Andalus Café for a report of a male refusing to leave. Upon arrival officers immediately recognized the man as a homeless man who is well known in the area. Officers noted that the male was heavily intoxicated and came into the restaurant begging for food. The restaurant made the man a sandwich, but then the man refused to leave. Officers gave the man a "no trespassing" order

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and he was advised that he would be arrested if he returned to the restaurant. The man was transported to Grand River and Telegraph at his request.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/WARRANTS OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS

On March 3rd, at approximately 9:25 p.m., a sergeant stopped a vehicle at Grand River and Cass. Through his investigation he learned that the female driver had seven warrants for her arrest and multiple suspensions on her driving record. The woman was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended.

OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED THIRD OFFENSE CAUSING AN ACCIDENT

On March 4th, at approximately 7:32 p.m., a woman driving a red Pontiac failed to stop at the stop sign on Hawthorne Street and Shiawassee and struck two separate vehicles. The responding officer noted that the woman had a strong odor of intoxicants on her breath and that she showed signs of being intoxicated. The investigation revealed that the woman had a .24(3) blood alcohol level and was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) after failing several sobriety exams. The woman had a previous OWI conviction as well as an operating under the influence of narcotics conviction on her criminal history. The woman refused to take a blood test at the station so a warrant was obtained for a blood test. The woman was held till sober.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The department responded to two domestic assaults during the week.