

**For Immediate Release**

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**Royal Oak Police Department Weekly Update  
For the week of January 16, 2020, through January 23, 2020**

**Larceny from Motor Vehicle**

**1716 N Stephenson Hwy. (12/Stephenson Auto), 01/18/20 – 01/20/20, 3:00 p.m. – 11:30 a.m.:**  
Complainant reported an unknown suspect stole the license plate off his parked car. 20-2635

**Malicious Destruction of Property**

**3450 W Thirteen Mile Rd. (Waltonwood Senior Living), 01/16/20, 12:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.:**  
Complainant returned to her parked car and discovered an unknown suspect(s) had smashed the rear window with an unknown object. 20-2016

**4900 block of Leafdale Blvd., 01/18/20 – 01/21/20, 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.:** Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) painted graffiti on a parked trailer. 20-3003

**Additional Incidents and Information**

**The following arrests were made during the period:**

Eleven (11) Misdemeanor Warrant  
Six (6) Felony Warrant  
One (1) Domestic Assault  
One (1) Domestic Assault and Misdemeanor Warrant  
One (1) Operating While Intoxicated  
One (1) Operating While Intoxicated and Violation of Concealed Pistol License  
One (1) Operating While Intoxicated (2<sup>nd</sup> Offense)  
One (1) Driving While License Suspended  
Two (2) Driving While License Suspended and Misdemeanor Warrant  
One (1) Interfering with a Peace Officer and Open Alcohol in a Vehicle  
One (1) Probation Violation  
One (1) Retail Fraud (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree)  
One (1) Embezzlement  
Two (2) Disorderly Conduct and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
One (1) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
One (1) Open Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle

**Total Arrests: 33**



## Mail Fraud Scam Advisory

The Royal Oak Police Department would like to issue a warning to all residents regarding mail fraud scams occurring in the area. The scam involves a mailed letter, reportedly from a banking institution, alleging the recipient is the beneficiary of an inheritance.

The fraudulent letter claims the recipient shares the same last name as the deceased, and then requests them to email the bank account manager regarding a large sum of money. These scammers can be very convincing and aggressive in their efforts.

The Royal Oak Police Department wants to remind all citizens not to fall for common types of mail frauds including:

- Notices of prizes, vacations, sweepstakes winnings, and other offers to claim valuable items
- Personal requests for money or information from people you do not know
- Letters from religious figures or psychics offering to predict or change your future
- Any check-cashing schemes or offer that requires a payment first

If you believe you've been targeted by a scam involving the U.S. Mail, you can call 1-877-876-2455 and visit [www.uspis.gov](http://www.uspis.gov) to learn more or report suspected fraud online.

For additional information and/or questions regarding suspicious mail fraud please contact:

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Larceny in a Building/Fraud Suspect Arrested**

A 36-year-old Ferndale resident was taken into custody following an extensive fraud investigation. Royal Oak officers took a report from an 87-year-old Royal Oak woman who was a victim of identity theft and fraud. The victim sought medical treatment at the Coventry Community Care located at 27776 Woodward in Royal Oak. While at the office, she left her purse unattended in the exam room. Once leaving the office, she immediately noticed cash missing from her purse and then was notified of fraudulent charges on her debit card. Further investigation revealed several past reports were filed regarding larceny and fraud from the same location.

Royal Oak detectives, in conjunction with the Secret Service Fraud Task Force, obtained a search warrant for the Covenant Community Care legal offices in Dearborn. The search warrant allowed detectives to identify a suspect and take her into custody.

On January 18, 2020, Ceann Hatchett was arraigned by the Honorable Magistrate Soma in the 52-3<sup>rd</sup> District Court. Hatchett is charged with one (1) count of Identity Theft, a felony which carries a penalty of up to 5 years in prison; one (1) count of Personal Identifying Information-Obtain/Possess/Transfer with Intent to Commit Identity Theft, a felony which carries a penalty of up to 5 years in prison; two (2) counts of Financial Transaction Device-Stealing/Retaining Without Consent, a felony which carries a penalty of up to 4 years in prison; one (1) count of Larceny in a Building, a felony which carries a penalty of up to 4 years in prison; and one (1) count of Operating-License Suspended, Revoked , Denied-Second Offense, a misdemeanor which carries a penalty of up to 1 year in jail.

Hatchett's bond was set at \$15,000.00, Cash/Surety, 10% with bond conditions of no contact with victims or the Covenant Community Care Medical Office. Her next court appearance is scheduled for January 31, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Judge Meinecke of the 44<sup>th</sup> District Court.

Hatchett had seven (7) outstanding traffic warrants for her arrest and convictions for Driving While Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle without a License and Retail Fraud.



Ceann Hatchett 08/25/1983

The investigation is ongoing. If anyone has any information regarding these incidents, please contact the Royal Oak Police Department at (248) 246-3500.

