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**Royal Oak Police Department Weekly Update
February 27, 2020 through March 5, 2020**

Breaking and Entering

32172 Woodward Ave., (Slightly Maternity Resale) 02-29-20 – 03-03-20, 4:30 p.m. – 10:05 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) broke into the business and stole money. 20-8768

Larceny from Motor Vehicle

1400 block of W. Farnum Ave., 03-01-20 – 03-02-20, 9:00 p.m. – 6:50 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole the license plate from his car. 20-8685

3601 W. Thirteen Mile, (William Beaumont Hospital), 03-04-20, 7:15 p.m. – 7:25 p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) broke the window to his vehicle and stole medication from inside the vehicle. 20-8933

2500 block of Rochester Rd., 03-04-20, 12:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole the catalytic converter from her car. 20-8891

212 S. Center, (Parking Structure), 03-04-20, 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) entered his unlocked vehicle and stole his wallet, which contained credit cards, and some miscellaneous jewelry. 20-8968

Larceny

400 block of Oakland Ave., 02-29-20, 8:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.: Complainant reported she allowed a friend to spend the night. She later realized he took her purse with money inside. 20-8473

1900 block of Seabright Ct., 02-28-20, 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole packages from her porch. 20-8252

Malicious Destruction of Property

1500 block of W. Windemere Ave., 03-01-20, 1:20 a.m.: Complainant reported he had a verbal argument with his roommate. The female roommate then punched his television and damaged it. 20-8517

2000 E. Twelve Mile Rd., (Matthew Hargraves Auto Dealership), 03-03-20, 4:25 p.m.: Complainant reported she observed damage to a windshield on a vehicle for sale on their lot. The damaged appeared to be done by a bb pellet. 20-8802

Additional Incidents and Information

The following arrests were made during the period:

Seven (7) Misdemeanor Warrant
Two (2) Driving While License Suspended
One (1) Driving While License expired and No Insurance
Six (6) Driving While License Suspended and Misdemeanor Warrant
One (1) Driving While License Suspended and Felony Warrant
One (1) No Operators License on Person and Expired License Plate
One (1) Operating While Under Influence Drugs and Heroin
One (1) Operating While Intoxicated (2nd Offense) and Resisting Arrest
One (1) Disorderly Conduct
One (1) Disorderly Conduct and Misdemeanor Warrants
Two (2) Probation Violation
Two (2) Park After Hours
One (1) Trespassing
One (1) Operating While Under Influence of Drugs, Driving While License Suspended Narcotic Paraphernalia
One (1) No Operators License on Person
One (1) Flee and Eluding, Possession of Crack and Narcotic Paraphernalia
One (1) Operating While Under Influence of Alcohol

Total Arrests: 31

False Report of Rape Situation-Swatting

The Royal Oak Police Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the false report of a rape situation. The female caller was reporting to be repeatedly sexually assaulted by her father. The incident began on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 10:22 p.m., when an unknown suspect stated, she didn't want the police to come to the address because her father had a gun and would shoot the police if they came to the door. She stated at a residence located in the 4500 block of Groveland.

Royal Oak officers responded to the area and discovered the house to be vacant and for sale. Officers confirmed no one was at the house and checked with nearby neighbors. Further information was developed indicating the reported crime was false.

The act of calling in a false police report, on this scale, is commonly referred to as "Swatting." Swatting is the act of tricking police agencies into dispatching emergency responders to an ongoing critical incident. The result of this activity is very disruptive to emergency services and the community. Filing a false police report of this nature is a felony, with a penalty of up to four (4) years in prison, a \$2000 fine, and repayment of the cost of the resources deployed to the handle the incident.

Royal Oak Criminal Investigation Division is investigating the incident.

Nearby agencies throughout the area, had similar swatting calls around the same time period.

For further information contact Lieutenant Al Carter of the Royal Oak Police Department Criminal Investigations Division at (248) 246-3456.