



For Immediate Release

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**Royal Oak Police Department Weekly Update
March 12, 2020 through March 19, 2020**

Retail Fraud

5150 Coolidge Hwy., (Meijer) 03/17/20, 12:30 p.m.: Complainant reported a suspect stole merchandise from the store. The suspect was located at the bus stop near the store and arrested. 20-10396

5150 Coolidge Hwy., (Meijer) 03/18/20, 9:50 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole merchandise from the store and fled the store. 20-10501

Larceny from Motor Vehicle

600 block of Williams St., 03/16/20 – 03/17/20, 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 a.m.: ROPD received a report of a parked car with a smashed-out passenger window. The owner was located and determined that his wallet and a small amount of cash had been stolen by an unknown suspect(s). 20-10389

Larceny

4000 block of Mandalay Rd., 03/16/20, 3:30 p.m.: Victim reported that a concrete repairman knocked on her door and offered to apply sealant to some cracks in her driveway. The suspect was invited into the victim's home where he distracted her and stole cash from her bedroom. The suspect, a tall w/m, approximately 30 years old, then left her home and drove away in a dark colored SUV. 20-10337

2200 block of N Main St., 03/16/20, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole a political sign from her front yard. 20-10362

Additional Incidents and Information

Suspect Arrested for Unlawful Entry and Obstructing

A 54-year-old Ferndale resident was arrested for entering a vacant house. On March 18, 2020, approximately 9:07 a.m., Royal Oak Officers responded to a report of a resident who just discovered a male suspect inside her house in the 4000 block of Albert Ave.

The homeowner stated when she entered the house, she observed a male exit through the back door. Officers quickly responded and, with assistance from Berkley Public Safety Officers, set up a perimeter around the area.

A description was given, over the police radio, and a Berkley Officer observed an individual, matching the suspect's description, running near Thirteen Mile and Woodward.

Royal Oak Officers arrested the suspect for Unlawful Entry and Obstructing an Officer.

For more information, contact the Royal Oak Police Department Criminal Investigation Division Lieutenant Al Carter at (248) 246-3456.

The following arrests were made during the period:

- Two (2) Felony Warrant
- One (1) Possession of Stolen Property and Misdemeanor Warrant
- One (1) Operating While Intoxicated
- One (1) Operating While Intoxicated (2nd Offense)
- Two (2) Retail Fraud (2nd Degree)
- Two (2) Retail Fraud (3rd Degree)
- Two (2) Assault & Battery
- One (1) Unlawful Entry and Obstructing a Peace Officer
- One (1) Disorderly Conduct and Obstructing a Peace Officer
- Two (2) Disorderly Conduct

Total Arrests: 15

COVID-19 Scam Advisory

The Royal Oak Police Department would like to issue a warning to all residents regarding COVID-19 scams occurring around the state. Scams may consist of sale of products, fake test kits and cures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In each case, attempts are made to obtain personal information.

The department has not received any reports of the scams but would like to issue an advisory.

If you believe you are the target of a scam, do not give out personal information over the phone or online unless you confident who you are dealing business with.

Information around the COVID-19 outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available by visiting [Michigan's Coronavirus website](#) or via the [CDC's website](#).

2020 SIREN TEST CALENDAR

Please be advised that Oakland County Homeland Security Division will be testing the outdoor warning siren system on the following dates in 2020:

March 7	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
March 25	Wednesday	1:00 PM	Special test in recognition of Severe Weather Awareness Week (SWAW)
April 4	Saturday	Cancelled	Due to SWAW test week
May 2	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
June 6	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
July 4	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
August 1	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
September 5	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
October 3	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month
November 7	Saturday	1:00 PM	First Saturday of the month

***Note: Siren tests are NOT conducted during December, January, or February due to winter weather.**