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**Royal Oak Police Department Weekly Update
January 28, 2021 through February 4, 2021**

Larceny

700 block of Butternut., 01/06/21 – 02/02/21, 4:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.: Complainant reported a package was stolen from her porch by an unknown suspect(s). 21-3695

Additional Incidents and Information

The following arrests were made during the period:

- One (1) Felony Warrant, Possession of Heroin and Drug Paraphernalia
- One (1) Fleeing & Eluding Police, Driving While License Suspended and Felony Warrant
- One (1) Possession of Heroin, False ID and Misdemeanor Warrant
- One (1) Operating While Intoxicated
- Four (4) Assault & Battery
- Three (3) Misdemeanor Warrant

Total Arrests: 11

Heroin, Obstructing, and Misdemeanor Warrant Arrest

On January 30, 2021, at approximately 10:15 p.m., officers were on routine patrol in the area of Stephenson Hwy. and Eleven Mile Rd. The officers observed a subject panhandling on the corner. The subject approached the police vehicle and gave the officers a false name. The subject admitted to lying due to having warrants for his arrest.

The subject was advised he was under arrest and had a small zip seal bag of heroin in his pocket.

The 30-year-old resident of Detroit was arrested for Possession of Heroin, Obstructing, and the four misdemeanor warrants for his arrest, including probation violation and disorderly conduct from other jurisdictions.

Fleeing & Eluding, Obstructing, Driving While License Suspended 2nd Offense, and Felony Warrant Arrest

On January 30, 2021, at approximately 2:34 a.m., officers were on routine patrol in the area of I-75 near Eleven Mile Rd. The officers observed a vehicle speeding and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle pulled over to the side of the freeway near Thirteen Mile Rd. When the officer approached the vehicle, the suspect fled northbound on I-75 at high rate of speed and exited at the Fourteen Mile exit. The suspect turned down Barrington St. in Madison Heights and fled on foot. Officers set up a perimeter and checked the area.

The officers spoke with the motel clerk who stated a customer heard a noise coming from the dumpster. The officers located the subject hiding inside the dumpster. The suspect stated he fled because he had warrants for his arrest.

The 33-year-old resident of Pontiac was arrested for fleeing and eluding. He had multiple suspensions on his driving record including three prior Operating While Intoxicated and five prior suspensions.

On January 31, 2021, Elijah Onell Lomax was arraigned before Oakland County District Court Magistrate Victor Zanolli III. Lomax was charged with one (1) count of Flee & Elude 2nd Degree, a felony which carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and one (1) count of Driving While License Suspended 2nd Degree, a misdemeanor which carries a penalty of up to 1 year in prison. His bond was set at \$5,000 Cash/Surety, 10%. His next court appearance is scheduled for February 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Meinecke in the 44th District Court.

Lomax had a felony warrant for his arrest for Cocaine Possession from the 50th District Court and felony warrant for Fail to Appear for Operating While Intoxicated 3rd Degree from the 44th District Court.

Lomax's criminal history consisted of the following: Felony Armed Robbery, Felony Flee & Elude 3rd Degree, Misdemeanor Controlled Substance, Operating While Impaired and Peace Officer Disarming/Non-Firearm.



Elijah Onell Lomax dob:04/16/1987

FRAUD WARNING

The Royal Oak Police Department received several reports this week involving unknown suspect(s) posing as DTE Energy employees calling to collect overdue payments. There have been several different versions of this scam over many years. The main theme involves the caller telling the victim that they must make immediate payment, or their electricity will be shut off. The scammers target both residential and commercial customers.

In this latest version, the imposter instructs the victim to go to a specific “payment center” to make the payment. Victims are provided an address to the payment center and the amount of cash they will need to produce in order to get the electricity shut off cancelled. The victim is also provided additional instructions on how to utilize a Bitcoin ATM to process a cash payment. The “payment center” will likely be a gas station with a Bitcoin machine.

Payments into a Bitcoin ATM are non-refundable and irreversible. Once you have been tricked into depositing your hard-earned money, you will never get it back.

DTE’s website recommends their customers hang up on suspected scammers and call their customer service department at 800-477-4747 to confirm the status of their account and make appropriate payment arrangements if necessary.