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## WEEKLY REPORT

### January 21 - 27, 2013

#### **RETAIL FRAUD**

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, at approximately 6:39 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a retail fraud at Starbucks. Upon arrival the investigating officer learned that a white male had taken two espresso machines from the retail area of the coffee shop and brought them up to the cashier. The man showed the cashier a post-it note on one of the machines that stated that the man had previously purchased the two machines and that he is to be given the machines as well as the note. The cashier did not recognize the handwriting on the note and advised that she had to check with her manager. At that point the man walked out of the store with the two machines.

Officers located the man at a nearby bus stop where he told officers that the cashier had just given him the machines. The man admitted to having not paid for the machines and changed his story several times. A LEIN check of the man showed that he was a parole absconder from the State of Michigan for previous retail fraud convictions and that there were several warrants for his arrest. A search of his person revealed several similar notes indicating that he has attempted this scam in other jurisdictions. The man was arrested for the theft and was charged with felony retail fraud in the first degree.

#### **DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, at approximately 8:15 p.m., officers were dispatched to a report of a fight at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home. Upon arrival officers located a man being held down by family members and another man bleeding from the head. Officers separated the individuals and learned that the family was attending a wake for a deceased family member. The man being held down is the brother of the deceased and had been drinking. The family noticed that a picture of the deceased was removed from the casket and immediately suspected the brother as having taken it. The man denied taking the picture when confronted and retaliated by head-butting a family member causing a laceration. At that point the man started fighting with other family members until they could subdue him by holding him down. The family decided to not press charges for the assault. The man was arrested for disorderly conduct and was housed at the Farmington jail until he could be turned over to a different family member.

#### **SOLICITOR**

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at approximately 6:50 p.m., officers responded to two separate incidents in

the Floral Park subdivision for an aggressive white male solicitor harassing residents. Upon arrival officers located the man on Floral Street going door to door attempting to sell Kirby vacuums. The man did not have a city issued permit for door to door sales. The man was issued a citation for soliciting without a permit.

### **SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE**

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at approximately 8:48 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a report of a possible breaking and entering at an apartment in the Drakeshire Apartment complex. Upon arrival the officer learned from the resident that she had come home to find her apartment door kicked in. The resident advised that nothing in the apartment was missing. The officer checked with the neighbors of the resident and learned that they had observed the resident's sixteen year old son kick in the door earlier in the day. The officer further learned from the resident that she does not allow her son to have a key to the apartment. The resident will address the issue with her son when he gets home.

### **SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE**

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at approximately 9:00 p.m., officers responded to the Cloverdale School for a report of a possible subject inside the building. Upon arrival officers met with the custodian who advised that she could hear voices from inside the building. Officers checked the building and located a toy that had been left on and making noises.

### **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/ WARRANTS OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, while on patrol, an officer noticed an expired plate violation on a vehicle. Upon making a traffic stop on the vehicle, the driver was found to have a suspended driver's license, no vehicle insurance, along with several outstanding warrants out of other agencies for traffic violations. The driver was arrested, processed, and turned over to another agency on her warrants.

### **SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE**

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 8:44 p.m., officers responded to the Zap Zone for a report of a larceny of a video game. Upon arrival officers met with management who advised that one of their repeat customers, a twelve year old boy, had won an expensive video game from one of the machines. Since the video game is the top prize for the machine the customer was playing on, a picture was taken of the child with the game in order to be put up on the wall. The manager saw the twelve year old with the game all night, but after sometime the child came back to the manager and advised that three adolescent boys stole the game from him. The manager and the twelve year old searched the building for the kids but could not locate them. When the twelve year old's father returned to pick up the child, he was informed by management of what transpired. The father advised management that he does not want to press charges if the suspects are located and left the scene. A short while later the three suspects returned to the premises and had the video game in their possession. Officers spoke with the three suspects who denied stealing the game, but instead advised that they had bought the game from the twelve year old for twenty dollars worth of game tokens. Management advised officers that he does not know the name or contact information of the twelve year old or his father. Management banned the three suspects from Zap Zone and they were turned over to their parents.

**OPERATE WHILE INTOXICATED**

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 2:30 a.m., a vehicle with its bright lights activated and was straddling two lanes, was pulled over in the area of Grand River and Drake. Upon making contact with the male driver a strong odor of intoxicants was detected. The male admitted to drinking one beer, but further evaluation revealed that the driver had a blood alcohol content of .25. The man was arrested and the vehicle was turned over to his sober passenger. The driver was issued a misdemeanor citation and will soon appear in court to address the matter.

**NOTE:** The dayshift also responded to seven medical emergency related calls along with four reports of traffic accidents for service this week.