

## **For the week of April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

### **Burglary:**

**100 block of E. Thirteen Mile Rd., 04/12/10, 4:00am:** Complainant reports being awoken from her sleep when hearing a noise on the first floor of her house. The complainant was sleeping in a bedroom on the second floor. The complainant went downstairs about an hour later and noticed the side door was open. The complainant had left the door unlocked the night before. The intruder took: box of homemade cookies, five (5) watches, four (4) figurines, income tax forms and a small amount of cash. 10-1486

### **Larcenies:**

**2800 block of W. Fourteen Mile Rd., between 04/10/10-04/12/10:** Complainant reports someone broke into his enclosed trailer and stole two (2) landscape push blowers and two (2) backpack blowers. 10-1494

**Salvation Army, 114 E. Fourth St., 04/10/10, 3:45pm:** Complainant reported exiting the dressing room stall trying on a new pair of pants. Shortly after leaving the stall, he noticed a suspicious male walking out of the dressing room with his old pants. The complainant confronted the suspect and demanded his pants back. The suspect gave the pants back and walked away. The complainant checked for his wallet in his old pants but it was missing. An officer on patrol heard the call dispatched and noticed the suspect walking towards the bus station. The suspect was stopped and arrested and the wallet was recovered. 10-1464

**Blackburn Arms Apartments, 333 E. Eleven Mile Rd., 04/13/10-04/14/10:** Complainant reports someone broke into the four (4) coin operated laundry machines and stole the coins. The coin boxes were pried open. 10-1518

### **Larceny from Auto:**

**300 block of N. Blair, 04/10/10-04/11/10:** Complainant reports someone took a GPS unit from her vehicle which was parked in the driveway. The complainant mistakenly left the vehicle unlocked. 10-1477

**300 block of N. Rembrandt, 04/10/10-04/11/10:** Complainant reports someone took a GPS unit from her vehicle which was parked in the driveway. The complainant was not sure if the vehicle was locked. 10-1475

**500 block of N. Connecticut, 04/11/10, 5:40am:** Complainant called R.O.P.D. reporting an unknown person inside his vehicle, which was parked on his driveway. The complainant was inside his home and banged on the windows to scare the suspect away. The complainant did not get a description of the suspect but believes he had some sort of logo or writing on his back. A GPS unit was found to be missing. Prior to this theft, the vehicle was left unlocked. 10-1472

**Williams Parking Lot (Williams St. & Third St.), 04/08/10, 9:30pm:** Complainant reports someone broke into his vehicle and took his coat, CD's, medication and a stereo faceplate. The complainant reports his vehicle was locked. 10-1439

### **Other Incidents:**

**Wagner Park (Rochester/Detroit), 04/13/10, 6:00pm:** Officer on patrol noticed a person walking in the park and drinking beer from a brown paper bag. Officer reported there were numerous parents with children present. The officer stopped the suspect and also discovered marijuana. The suspect was arrested. 10-1505

**Kroger, 30991 Woodward Ave, 04/09/10, 6:00pm:** Royal Oak Police Department conducted a decoy operation at this business. The 18-year-old male decoy was sold a six-pack of beer. The clerk was cited for Selling to a Minor and a complaint was filed against Kroger with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

**7-11, 4623 Crooks, 04/09/10, 7:13pm:** Royal Oak Police Department conducted a decoy operation at this business. The 18-year-old female decoy was sold a six-pack of beer. The clerk was cited for Selling to a Minor and a complaint was filed against 7-11 with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

**300 block of W. Fourth St., 4/15/2010, 12:30am:** A caller reported seeing two (2) white males and one (1) white female writing the words "Burnt" and "Shewzr" on the business entry door with a black permanent marker. The three suspects fled the area in an early 90's silver Buick four-door sedan. All three are believed to be in their early 20's. 10-1530

**617 S. Washington, 04/15/10, 10:30-11:00pm:** Complainant reports someone stole his 2006 Suzuki GSX motorcycle. 10-1545

### **Arrest Summary:**

In addition to those outlined above, the following arrests were made during the period:

Three (3) Driving Under the Influence

One (1) Operating Under the Influence of Drugs

One (1) Driving Under the Influence and Driving with License Suspended

One (1) Driving Under the Influence and Possession of Marijuana

One (1) Retail Fraud

One (1) Probation Violation

Four (4) Misdemeanor Warrant

Four (4) Felony Warrant Arrest

One (1) Disorderly Conduct

Nine (9) Driving with License Suspended

One (1) Operators License Never Obtained

Three (3) Driving with License Suspended and Misdemeanor Warrant

One (1) Driving with License Suspended and Felony Warrant

Three (3) Possession of Marijuana

One (1) Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell

One (1) Possession of Marijuana and Driving with License Suspended

One (1) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

One (1) Possession of Alcohol-Minor

One (1) Possession of Alcohol-Minor and Possession of Marijuana

Two (2) Possession of Crack Cocaine

One (1) Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Marijuana

One (1) Possession of Synthetic Narcotic and Retail Fraud  
One (1) Failure to Register (Sex Offender)

**Arrest Total: 44**

Recently, a local newspaper published a story on the increase in home invasions in metro Detroit. We are pleased to report that Royal Oak has experienced a 2% drop in Home Invasions! Although this may not seem to be a very significant decrease, when compared with last year's drop of 21%, it is definitely trending in the right direction.

To keep this trend moving in the right direction, the best way to prevent burglary is to make your home an unattractive target for a potential burglar. The doors are one of the most common means of entry for burglars. This entry arouses less suspicion than through a window. Doors should be locked at all times, even when you are in the backyard, the garage, or in the house. Also, remember to close and lock your windows when you are not home.

In addition to the above, good exterior lighting shining on a house and surrounding area is an excellent deterrent to burglary and vandalism. Burglars also don't like it when the landscaping and shrubbery is trimmed away from any window, door or area that would provide an area to hide.

Furthermore, basement windows are an easy access for suspects because they are usually out of sight, often in the backyards of homes. To help protect your home, we suggest installing glass block windows. This is a great investment for permanent security. Also, sliding glass doors need to be locked and reinforced so that they cannot be lifted or pried out of their tracks.

Of course, an alarm system, or even a dog, is an excellent deterrent for would-be burglars.

If you happen to take a vacation or are out of town on business, contact us to check on your property while you are away. Please call (248)246-3500 and ask to be placed on the vacation check list.

We would also like to invite you to attend our next Neighborhood Watch Block Captain meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., on the second floor of the police department. Neighbors that communicate with each other can provide the greatest security to any neighborhood. Most of your neighbors are familiar with your daily activities, and our department relies on them to report anything suspicious or out of the ordinary. All Royal Oak citizens are welcome to attend this meeting.