



For Immediate Release

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**Royal Oak Police Department Weekly Update
August 13, 2020, through August 20, 2020**

Larceny from Motor Vehicle

1000 block of E Sixth St., 08/12/20 – 08/13/20, 9:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole various work equipment from his car, sometime over the night. There were no signs of forced entry. 20-27882

900 block of E Sixth St., 08/13/20, 9:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole loose change from his unlocked car. 20-27892

1800 block of E Fourth St., 08/12/20 – 08/13/20, 9:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole empty luggage and electronics from her unlocked car. The luggage was recovered nearby. 20-27893

800 block of E Fifth St., 08/13/20, 2:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole various property from his unlocked car, including a laptop computer. 20-27896

1700 block of E Lincoln Ave., 08/12/20 – 08/13/20, 9:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole her wallet from her unlocked car. The wallet contained identification, gift cards, credit cards and cash. 20-27899

300 block of S Dorchester Ave., 08/13/20, 12:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole loose change from her unlocked car. 20-27902

300 block of S Dorchester Ave., 08/13/20, 12:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole identification and a debit card from his car. There were no signs of forced entry. 20-27909

900 block of Cherokee Ave., 08/13/20, 2:00 a.m. – 2:30 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole various property from his unlocked car, including a laptop computer and various gift cards. 20-27921

27906 Woodward Ave., (O'Reilly Auto), 08/15/20, 8:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole the license plate from his car. 20-28271

1300 block of Ottawa Ave., 08/15/20 – 08/16/20, 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole several gift cards from his car, sometime over the night. There were no signs of forced entry. 20-28333

1100 block of Donald Ave., 08/17/20 – 08/18/20, 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole her wallet from her unlocked car. The wallet contained identification and credit cards. 20-28612

1400 block of Donald Ave., 08/17/20 – 08/18/20, 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole money from her unlocked car. 20-28628

1200 block of Donald Ave., 08/17/20 – 08/18/20, 8:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole loose change from his unlocked car. 20-28839

Larceny

100 block of N Center St., 08/07/20 – 08/11/20, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) stole a large delivery package that had been placed in the common area of her apartment building. 20-28026

Retail Fraud

30955 Woodward Ave., (Woodward Corner Market), 08/15/20, 5:00 p.m.: Store employees reported an unknown male drinking cans of beer from a store cooler. The officers spoke with the suspect and he had no means of paying for the beer. He was issued a citation for retail fraud. 20-28238

Malicious Destruction of Property

600 block of N Vermont Ave., 08/13/20 – 08/14/20, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) entered her unlocked car and caused a 10-inch cut to the back seat. 20-28031

2000 block of W Fourteen Mile Rd., 08/14/20, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect(s) had damaged a tire and smashed out a window on his car. 20-28049

1800 block of N Washington Ave., 08/14/20, 8:15 p.m. – 8:25 p.m.: Complainant was notified by a neighbor about an unknown male suspect damaging her car. She went to her car and found all four tires slashed and the windshield shattered. 20-28108

212 S Center St. (Center Parking Structure), 08/17/20, 6:20 p.m. – 8:15 a.m.: Officers were conducting a routine inspection of the Center Street Parking deck and discovered freshly-painted graffiti by an unknown suspect(s). 20-28542

Additional Incidents and Information

Suspect Arrested for Tampering with a Motor Vehicle

An 18-year-old Madison Heights resident was arrested, for Tampering with a Motor Vehicle. On August 20, 2020, approximately 7:37 a.m. Royal Oak Officers responded to a report from a caller, who observed the suspect going through a vehicle on the 3200 block of N. Blair.

The officers spoke with the owners of the vehicle who observed the contents of the center console had been removed and placed on the vehicle seat. They stated they did not believe anything was taken.

Officers observed a male matching the description in the area of Rochester and Thirteen Mile. The suspect was in possession of property not belonging to him and he was arrested for Tampering with a Motor Vehicle.

The Royal Oak Criminal Investigation Division is currently investigating the incident and the other Larceny from Motor Vehicles thefts which occurred over the week.

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:

Three (3) Felony Warrant
One (1) Operating While Intoxicated (3rd Offense) and Hit & Run Accident
One (1) Operating While Intoxicated (2nd Offense)
Three (3) Operating While Intoxicated
One (1) Domestic Assault
One (1) Violation of Conditional Bond
One (1) Driving While License Suspended and Misdemeanor Warrant
Four (4) Misdemeanor Warrant
One (1) Tampering with a Motor Vehicle

Total Arrests: 16

PRESS RELEASE

Larceny from Vehicles Prevention Tips

The Royal Oak Police Department would like to issue prevention tips to all residents regarding not becoming a victim of a larceny from your vehicle. A vast amount of these thefts occurs at night; however, they do occur anytime the opportunity presents itself.

Some Prevention Tips:

- Always lock your vehicle and keep the windows closed.
- Park in the garage or a well-lit area. Avoid parking near walls, fences or foliage; thieves like to work in concealment.
- Avoid leaving any valuables in your car. Items such as, currency, laptop computers, cell phones, purses, backpacks, or other items of value are very tempting for thieves.
- If you must leave any valuables in your car, conceal them in the trunk, cargo area or under the seats.
- Do not keep important paperwork, such as the car title inside the vehicle.
- Do not leave the keys in the ignition or keep the key fob inside the vehicle.
- Install a car alarm if possible and ensure it is activated.

Always be proactive and watch out for your neighbors. If you see something or someone suspicious, call the police immediately.

If you believe you've been a victim of a larceny from your vehicle, you may contact the Royal Oak Police at 248-246-3500.

For additional information and/or questions regarding larceny from vehicles, please contact:

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