



TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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BUSINESS COMMUNITY INFORMATION NETWORK

There have been many vehicle break-ins lately, with all sorts of property being stolen from them. Some vehicles were simply entered through unlocked doors, while others were broke into by prying open, or smashing a door or window. Everything from in dash car stereo equipment to laptop computers, cell phones, purses, wallets, golf clubs, money and even sunglasses have been taken from these vehicles. There doesn't appear to be a pattern for these incidents, only that there has been a lot of them. *The best prevention tip is to not store valuables in your car! If you must, than lock it up in the trunk or other lockable space. Under no circumstances should you leave anything of value exposed in plain view, on the dash or seat.*

There continues to be thefts from area businesses as well. The most prevalent is still laptop computers taken from offices. Many are taken after the employee has left for the day, or just went out to lunch and left the laptop out and the office open or unlocked. It has been a common scenario for the culprit to enter a business during lunch hour or around quitting time and pose as the maintenance or cleaning person. In a few other cases the suspect(s) came in dressed like a businessman and walked through business looking for a laptop left out unattended. Description of laptop thief is a black male, 5'9", 175 lbs. 42 years of age.

Other retail businesses have experienced thefts of their employee's purses/wallets. In one instance, an employee at a local retail store discovered an unknown subject in the stores back room tampering with employees personal items that are stored there while they work. One of the employees wallets was stolen. The suspect for this incident is described as a black male in his 20's, 6', thin build, with short black hair. *Crime Prevention Tips: Lock up your valuables! Weather it be lap top computers, or personal items do not leave these items unattended and or not locked up, even for short periods of time.*

The **Crime Prevention Section of the Troy Police Department** would be glad to assist you with any Security or Safety needs that you have. We would be glad to access the security of your facility and make recommendations for enhanced/improved security and safety for your business and employees. Contact us at **248-524-3464**.

Information contained in this message came from a credible source. These incidents are suspicious in nature, however they may or may not constitute criminal activity. This report informs you about potential criminal activities, so that you may implement the appropriate crime prevention measures. We are also seeking any additional information your employees may have regarding these and other suspicious activities or crimes.

Report all suspected "in progress" criminal or suspicious situations to the Troy Police Department by dialing "9-1-1." Report all other information at #(248) 524-3477.