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**Fruitport Township Police
Department report**
(Submitted by the Fruitport Township Police Department
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**Fruitport Township Police
investigating burglary**

The Fruitport Township Police Department is investigating a burglary to a business that occurred over the March 3d weekend, discovered at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 5.

The business, The Grooming Room, located at 3117 Heights Ravenna Road, was entered by force after normal business hours. The offender(s) took the cash register, cash, and other valuables.

No arrests have been made relating to this incident.

If you have information to report that could help lead to an arrest in this crime, please contact the Fruitport township Police department at (231) 865-8477 or Silent Observer (231) 72-CRIME.

Retail fraud statistics released

The Fruitport Township Police Department responds to retail fraud complaints on an average of approximately one per day. Retail fraud is the legal terminology for what is commonly referred to as shoplifting. Depending on the value of the stolen property and prior criminal history, the offender could be charged with a misdemeanor or a felony.

Retail fraud is committed in a variety of ways. Some offenders conceal merchandise inside their clothing or a bag. Others simply load a cart full of merchandise and try to push the cart out without paying for it. Some try to switch price tags on merchandise or switch the contents of one package into a package of another lower-priced item (to avoid paying the full price for the item). With the introduction of self-checkout lanes, security personnel are finding some shoppers are not scanning all of the items they take through the self-checkout lanes.

Area retailers use a variety of methods to reduce theft — including plain-clothed security officers (referred to as loss prevention or asset protection), surveillance cameras, and a variety of anti-theft devices and procedures. Police responded to complaints from the stores.

**Police investigating a larceny
from vehicle at FMS**

The Fruitport Township Police Department is investigating a larceny from a vehicle at the Fruitport Middle School. There have been other recent larcenies from vehicles in church parking lots in the Fruitport Township area. Police are investigating whether these incidents are related.

The incident at the middle school took place between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. The window of the victim's vehicle was smashed out, and the victim's purse and contents were stolen. Members of the community are urged to report any suspicious persons, vehicles, and / or activity to the police. If you have information to report that could help lead to an arrest in this crime / crime activity, please contact police.

**Police investigating purse-
snatchings**

Two reported purse snatchings that took place in the parking lots of two separate shopping areas in Fruitport are under investigation. The incidents occurred within minutes of each other. Both took place during daylight hours while the stores were open to the public.

The first incident was reported at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 2. The victim in that incident reported she was exiting the food court doors at The Lakes Mall when a male subject approached her from behind and grabbed the purse she was carrying. The male subject fled on foot with the purse, got into a vehicle, and fled from the scene in the vehicle.

The second incident was reported at approximately 1:54 p.m. on Friday, March 2 at WalMart, 1879 W. Sherman. The victim in that incident reported she was followed by a male subject in the parking lot, and the male subject stole her purse from her shopping cart. The male subject got into a vehicle and fled from the scene in the vehicle.

Descriptions provided by witnesses and victims in both incidents suggest the offender in both incidents may have been the same person. Police are actively following up on leads, but no arrests have been made. No one was injured in either incident.

**Intoxicated man found inside
vehicle**

On Sunday, March 4, a resident on Cooley Road reported she had discovered an unknown subject sleeping inside her vehicle which was parked inside her garage.

Police responded to find the 18-year-old Grand Haven man still asleep in the vehicle. He was determined to be intoxicated.

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