



# **TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **JEWELRY STORE SMASH AND GRAB ARREST**

On 1/13/24 there was a smash and grab robbery at the Helzberg Diamonds in the Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills. Three black males wearing hoodies and surgical masks entered the store, smashed out the cases and stole several thousand dollars' worth of jewelry.

A suspect vehicle was identified that registered to a rental company. Subsequently, the renter was also identified. A short time later that vehicle was returned to a Lansing rental location, and a new vehicle was rented.

On 1/22/24 Troy SIU was notified by the Lansing Mall of a smash and grab at their Kay Jewelers. Follow up by Eaton County Sheriff's Office determined the getaway vehicle from the theft was the newly rented vehicle. Further investigation concluded this same group was responsible for a total of six robberies in Michigan and Ohio.

On 1/24/24 the new rental vehicle was located and surveillance was initiated. The vehicle travelled to Sterling Heights at which point Sterling Heights PD, Shelby Twp. PD and Troy PD Directed Patrol Officers were contacted and requested to assist. The vehicle entered the Lakeside Mall parking lot in Sterling Heights and began to circle the lot with another vehicle that was stolen from Harper Woods on 1/16/24. At approximately 2pm, four black males got out of the vehicle and went inside Lakeside Mall, leaving two individuals outside. All four were wearing hoods and surgical masks. After a few minutes of scouting, the four entered the Sparkles Jewelry store near center court and immediately began smashing out cases. After grabbing what they could carry, they all fled on foot in various directions, but were quickly apprehended by officers on scene. All six suspects were transported directly to Macomb County Jail. Approximately \$170,000 worth of jewelry was stolen/recovered.

The Troy Police Department credits the exceptional effort of the Troy Special Investigations Unit for this complex investigation and arrests. The Special Investigations Unit is comprised of officers from the Auburn Hills Police Department, Birmingham Police Department, Bloomfield Township Police Department, Royal Oak Police Department, and Troy Police Department. These investigators work together in a collaborative, multi-jurisdictional unit that investigates criminal activity impacting the region.

We would also like to recognize the collaborative efforts of the Eaton County Sheriff's Office, the Sterling Heights Community Response Unit and the Shelby Township Police Surveillance Unit.



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Courtez  
Eugene  
Lawrence

02/09/1996

Armed  
Robbery



Deshawn  
Hammonds

06/08/2003

Armed  
Robbery



Jasmine  
Latricia  
Oneal

06/26/1994

Armed  
Robbery



Eric  
Lamar  
Lambert Bennett

12/12/1996

Armed  
Robbery



Desean  
Shakari  
Hall

12/02/1992

Armed  
Robbery



Andre  
Demond  
Jackson

07/01/2002

Unarmed  
Robbery,  
R&O

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