



TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Troy Police stop a business burglary in progress

Troy, MI – The Troy Police Department received a tip from another law enforcement agency that a group would attempt to break into a pharmaceutical business within our city. On February 17, 2023, detectives began surveillance on a business within the 1200 block of Rankin Street.

After midnight on February 19, Investigators observed two suspicious vehicles casing the building on Rankin. Two individuals gained access inside the business by cutting a hole through an overhead garage door.

After entry, an employee from the business contacted Troy PD dispatch and advised two subjects were visible on interior cameras attempting to enter a secure area for scheduled drugs. Upon confirming a breaking and entering had occurred, detectives and uniformed officers surrounded the building.

Officers located two subjects inside an office area of the building where controlled substances are stored. Isaiah DUNCAN (20 years old) and Ario STEPHENS (24 years old) were arrested without incident.

Officers located two lookout vehicles in the area, occupied by subjects communicating with the individuals inside the pharmaceutical business. Shaun LEWIS (24 years old), Jaevion HACKETT (20 years old), and Alvin WHIDBY (42 years old) were all taken into custody.

The Oakland County Prosecutor Office charged all five with Breaking and Entering a Building with Intent. The suspects were arraigned at 52-4 District Court and are currently being held on the following bond amounts; Ario Stephens (\$1,000,000), Alvin Whidby II (\$750,000), Isaiah Duncan (\$250,000), Jaevion Hackett (\$250,000), and Shaun Kardover (\$50,000). All five are from out-of-state.

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 while investigating criminal activity impacting the region.

We would also like to thank the Michigan State Police Aviation Unit (Trooper Two) for their assistance in this case. Trooper Two monitored the area while this crime was in progress and assisted Troy officers with the location of the lookout vehicles.

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