TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE
Public Information Officers: Lt. Jason Clark - Lt. Ben Hancock - Sgt. John Julian

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 13, 2025

Troy Police Take Three Juveniles into Custody Following String of Mailbox Explosions and Thefts

TROY, Mich. — The Troy Police Department has taken three suspects into custody for damaging and stealing a mailbox. This follows several reports of mailbox explosions and thefts that occurred over a four-month period beginning in late July.

These incidents were first highlighted in an August 7th *WXYZ* news report titled *"Troy police investigating several mailbox explosions, say fireworks were placed inside."* (wxyz.com)
At that time, investigators confirmed multiple cases where fireworks were placed inside residential mailboxes, causing explosions and property damage. Sgt. John Julian was quoted in that report saying, *"It's a prank to them, but let's be clear, it's a crime."*

After identifying a disturbing crime trend in one Troy neighborhood, the Troy Police Directed Patrol Unit devoted significant time, effort, and resources toward apprehending those responsible. Their work — in close collaboration with vigilant residents — culminated in the arrest of three suspects who were caught in the act.

Due to the suspects being juveniles, no identifying information will be released. However, investigators can confirm that the individuals involved are local youths who repeatedly chose to cause disruption, fear, and damage within their own community.

"These incidents caused understandable concern and frustration," said Sgt. John Julian. "Our residents' vigilance and our officers' persistence were instrumental in ending this pattern of senseless behavior."

The Troy Police Department extends sincere thanks to the community for maintaining a watchful eye and our Directed Patrol Unit for their vigorous resolve in putting a stop to the disorder.

Mailbox vandalism and theft are serious crimes. Residents are reminded that tampering with mailboxes is a federal offense, and those caught face significant penalties. Anyone observing suspicious activity is urged to contact the Troy Police Department immediately.

###