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### **Waterford Police Arrest Two Men in Operation "Kicked-In"**

As a result of home-invasions occurring over the past several weeks in a localized area near the Waterford-Pontiac border, Operation "Kicked-In" was initiated by our Special Operations Unit (SOU) comprised of Detectives from Waterford and White Lake Townships. Victims in several of the home invasions reported that the incidents occurred in the early morning hours when no one was home and that the perpetrator had kicked-in their doors to gain entry. One victim, who was home at the time, reported seeing the person who kicked-in their door and described the suspect as a black male with long dreads. The homeowner was also able to provide security camera footage of the suspect.

While conducting surveillance in the area of Huron and Telegraph, Detectives were advised that a homeowner on Ruth Avenue, just east of Telegraph, on the Pontiac side of the Waterford-Pontiac border, returned home to find their home had been broken into. Special Operations Detectives responded and spoke with the victim to gather additional information.

As a result of information gathered in the Ruth Avenue incident as well as analysis of other recent similar crimes, Detectives were able to locate a suspect, and surveillance continued. On Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> at approximately 7:00am, Detectives viewed two men enter a vehicle in the area of Waterly and Voorheis, in Waterford. The vehicle proceeded eastbound into Pontiac and was stopped with the assistance of OCSO Deputies.

The passenger, PRENTICE MONTRELL SLATON, was in possession of items stolen in the home invasion on Ruth Avenue as well as items stolen from a previous home invasion in Waterford. Detectives determined that the driver of the vehicle lives at the home on Waverly and Slaton had been staying there for the past several weeks. A search warrant was executed at the home where Detectives recovered additional stolen items and other evidence.

On Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, PRENTICE MONTRELL SLATON, b/m, 36 years-old, was charged by the Oakland County Prosecutors office with one count of Home Invasion – Second Degree (15-year felony). He was arraigned by 51<sup>st</sup> District Court Judge Todd Fox and bond was set at \$25,000 cash/surety only. SLATON is currently on parole for similar offenses. The driver was released pending further investigation.

After these arrests, this investigation continued. With more analysis and additional information, Investigators have been able to link PRENTICE MONTRELL SLATON to additional home-invasions in Waterford and Pontiac. Our request for additional charges is pending with the Oakland County Prosecutors Office.

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During this investigation, our Special Operations Unit (SOU) received assistance from the Waterford Police Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) and Road Patrol, Oakland County Auto-Theft (OCAT), and South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium (SONIC).

Scott Underwood  
Chief of Police



PRENTICE MONTRELL SLATON

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