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**Royal Oak Police Department Weekly Update
April 2, 2020, through April 9, 2020**

Retail Fraud

5150 Coolidge Hwy., (Meijer), 04/07/20, 10:10 a.m.: Store security observed a subject push his cart full of groceries out of the store without paying. The subject was stopped by security and officers arrested him for Retail Fraud. 20-12128

1203 S. Main, (Holiday Market), 04/07/20, 10:10 a.m.: Store security observed a subject push his cart full of groceries out of the store without paying. The subject was stopped by security and was arrested for Retail Fraud. 20-12072

Additional Incidents and Information

Disorderly Conduct Arrest

Royal Oak Officers responded to the 1000 block of Genesee Ave. on report of a disorderly subject. On April 5, 2020, at approximately 6:55 a.m., a resident called stating an unknown male was on top of a neighbor's garage. While in route, officers were notified by Troy Police Department that they were searching for a subject that fled from their officers not far from that location.

Royal Oak Officers located the male subject on top of the garage roof. The 18-year-old resident of Fraser, who admitted he was hiding from the police, was safely taken into custody. He was issued a Disorderly violation and he was turned over to Troy Police for their incident.

A Royal Oak K-9 officer performed a track in the area and was able to find evidence the subject left behind when he fled from Troy Police Department.

The following arrests were made during the period:

One (1) Misdemeanor Warrant
Two (2) Retail Fraud
One (1) Disorderly Conduct

Total Arrests: 4

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PRESS RELEASE

Celebrating a Local Hero

Members of the Royal Oak Historical Society, Veterans Events Committee, and the Royal Oak Police Department will surprise a D-Day Veteran today, April 9, 2020 at 4:00 pm on his 95th birthday.

Clifford Alvira, of Royal Oak, was just 18-years old when he arrived at Omaha Beach at 6:30 a.m. on June 6, 1944, as part of Operation Overlord. It's estimated that more than 9,000 Allied soldiers were killed or wounded on D-Day. The Americans suffered 2,400 casualties at Omaha.

Mr. Alvira has been chosen to lead the way at this year's Royal Oak Memorial Day Parade as the grand marshal. The oldest of 10 children to Mexican immigrants, he grew up in Detroit and has lived in Royal Oak since 1966.

Considering the COVID-19 public health crisis, Mr. Alvira reached out to parade organizers in recent days wondering if the parade will happen. He told the organizers, not to worry. "I can do it next year," he said, "if you want to wait."

"While there is some uncertainty regarding the parade at this point in time," said David London, chairperson of the Veterans Events Committee, "there is no doubt that Cliff is a hero and we want to honor him on his birthday and let him know how much he means to us all."

The city organized a card and letter drive and will drop off birthday greetings with the Royal Oak Police Department leading the way. A small group of individuals will follow the police by car and sing happy birthday.

Mr. Alvira's daughter, Linda, is in on the surprise and will make sure her father waits five days before opening the well wishes.

"The Royal Oak Police Department is really proud to be involved in today's celebration," said Chief Corrigan O'Donohue. "We get asked to drop by for special birthdays from time to time and we always try to accommodate those requests, but this one is really special. Mr. Alvira is a true hero in every sense of the word. We are honored to be involved in his birthday and humbled by his heroic sacrifice."

Governor Whitmer Signs “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order

Governor directs all non-critical businesses to temporarily close, all Michiganders to stay home or six feet away from others during COVID-19 crisis

LANSING, Mich. -- Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order (EO 2020-21), directing all Michigan businesses and operations to temporarily suspend in-person operations that are not necessary to sustain or protect life. The order also directs Michiganders to stay in their homes unless they’re a part of that critical infrastructure workforce, engaged in an outdoor activity, or performing tasks necessary to the health and safety of themselves or their family, like going to the hospital or grocery store.

Effective at 12:01 am on March 24, 2020, for at least the next three weeks, individuals may only leave their home or place of residence under very limited circumstances, and they must adhere to social distancing measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention when they do so, including remaining at least six feet from people from outside the individual’s household to the extent feasible under the circumstances.

The latest information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus).