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On June 26, 2012, at approximately 4:40 a.m., officers with the Portage Department of Public Safety responded to a report of a home invasion that had just occurred in the 1000 block of Rainbow Court in the City of Portage. Officers quickly responded to the area and were able to locate a suspicious 2006 Chrysler Pacifica leaving the neighborhood. Officers made an attempt to stop the vehicle, but it fled eastbound toward the intersection of S. Westnedge and Romence Road. The vehicle then lost control in the 100 block of Romence Road Parkway, shortly after crossing S. Westnedge, and crashed.

Upon approaching the vehicle, officers found it to be unoccupied, and it was believed that the suspect(s) fled northbound from the crash site. A perimeter was quickly established, and a Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit responded to the scene. A K-9 track was conducted, and a suspect was located hiding in a shed in the 300 block of Cameo Street. Upon interviewing the suspect, a 20-year-old Indiana man, he advised that another suspect, who he identified as the driver of the vehicle, was still at large. Officers continued to search the area for the second suspect, who officers have identified as a 22-year-old Indiana man, however, were unable to locate him.

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Upon conducting a search of the vehicle, officers recovered a large quantity of suspected stolen items, including golf clubs, cell phones, tools, and GPS units that had been stolen by the suspects throughout the night from at least twelve residences and vehicles. Officers learned that the suspects used prying tools to enter a few of the garages and vehicles; however, several of the garages and vehicles were found to have been unlocked.

The suspect that was taken into custody was transported to Bronson Hospital after complaining of back and leg pain. He will be charged with multiple counts of home invasion and resisting and obstructing police. Officers are still attempting to locate the second suspect.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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