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On September 20, 2012 at approximately 10:30 p.m., Portage Department of Public Safety officers were dispatched to the 500 block of Thomas Court regarding an armed robbery/home invasion. The initial complaint was called in by a neighbor who heard a disturbance at an adjacent apartment that included the sound of shotguns being racked.

The investigation revealed that an apartment at 560 Thomas Court was forcibly entered by three black males wearing hooded sweatshirts and who appeared to be in their early 20's. Two of the suspects brandished shotguns, while a third was in possession of a handgun. They demanded money and drugs, and made off with a quantity of each. Two of the victims inside the apartment were able to escape by jumping off the second story balcony. A third victim remained in the apartment and was struck in the head with a shotgun. The area was searched with the assistance of a Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety K-9; however, the suspects were not located.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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