



## NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Case No. 14-14582

On August 25, 2014 at 2:53 a.m., Portage Department of Public Safety officers were dispatched to Wal-Mart at 8350 Shaver Road for a report of an attempted retail fraud. Wal-Mart employees told Portage Department of Public Safety Dispatch that two black male subjects had attempted to steal laptop computers and left the parking lot in a white Dodge Charger with an out-of-state license plate. A Portage officer responding to the area noticed a vehicle matching the description, driving north on Oakland Drive at a high rate of speed. Upon the officer activating his lights and siren, the vehicle did not stop and continued north on Oakland Drive before turning onto I-94 eastbound. The vehicle then exited I-94 at Sprinkle Road, traveling north on Sprinkle Road to E. Michigan Avenue. The vehicle then drove back in a westerly direction, where officers eventually lost sight of the vehicle and terminated the pursuit.

Upon further investigation, it was determined that at least one desktop computer was taken from Wal-Mart. As one of the suspects was leaving, he alluded to having a handgun and threatened an employee if they tried to stop him.

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](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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