



## NEWS RELEASE

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Date: July 5, 2015  
Case No. 15-11099

On July 5, 2015 at 1:53 p.m., Portage Department of Public Safety officers responded to a report of a vehicle theft that had just occurred in the 2600 block of E. Heverly Drive. Upon arriving at the scene, officers learned that an ambulance had been stolen by a white male suspect as paramedics were responding to a medical call.

Shortly after paramedics left the ambulance unattended, a witness advised them that a subject had just entered the vehicle. One of the paramedics then returned to the vehicle, trying to make contact with the suspect, who began driving away. The paramedic was able to get into the back of the ambulance as the suspect then drove the ambulance approximately two blocks before abandoning the vehicle at the dead end of the street. The suspect then ran westbound and was quickly located by officers in a swimming pool of a neighboring residence. The suspect, a 23-year-old Portage man, was arrested on charges of Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile and Resisting and Obstructing, and was transported to the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department.

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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