

NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 15-14442

On August 24, 2015 at approximately 4:15 p.m., officers from the Portage Department of Public Safety were dispatched to the Target store, located 6839 S. Westnedge, to investigate a complaint of retail fraud. Once on scene, an officer spotted the suspect attempting to leave the parking lot in a green Chevrolet Trailblazer. The officer attempted to stop the suspect; however, the suspect fled northbound on S. Westnedge. Due to the reckless nature of the suspect's flight and traffic volume, the officer terminated his pursuit of the suspect. The suspect vehicle collided with at least one other vehicle as it fled from police, causing minor damage. It was later learned from Target personnel that the suspect had with him an adult female and two young children, one being an infant.

Portage Police are seeking information regarding the identity of the suspect pictured below. He is described as a black male, 20-35 years old, 5'10" - 6'1", 180-210 lbs. It is believed that the suspect has ties to the Kalamazoo and/or Battle Creek communities.



Anyone with information regarding this incident can contact the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 (www.portagemi.gov), or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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