



## NEWS RELEASE

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During the second week of April, the Portage Department of Public Safety received at least five reports from residents at senior communities stating that someone had visited them and had attempted to get their personal information and banking information.

On April 11, 2016, at one of the senior communities, the victims would first receive a phone call advising them that their credit card number was fraudulently being used. The caller would then tell them that a police officer would come over, get their credit card from them, and would eventually bring them a new one. There are at least three known victims at this community. All three of these victims stated that they had a female come to their apartment and get their credit card information.

On April 14, 2016, a female knocked on the door of at least two residents in another senior community. The female suspect identified herself as a representative of a bank and told the victim that her credit card had been fraudulently used and that she was there to assist her in getting a new credit card number. The suspect was able to obtain the credit card information from one of the victims. The other potential victim had a feeling that something was not right and was able to get enough information from the suspect that the detectives assigned to the case were able to identify who the suspect was.

During this investigation, it was learned that the suspect may have attempted to or had committed similar crimes in Kalamazoo County and in the city of Kalamazoo.

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On April 20, 2016, the suspect, 21-year-old Deirbra Day Collier of Kalamazoo, was arrested. On April 21, the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's office authorized the following charges: Count I, Forgery; Count II, Using a Computer to Commit a Crime; Count III, Using a Computer to Commit a Crime; Count IV, Using a Computer to Commit a Crime, Count V, ID Theft; Count VI, FTD-Illegal Sale/Use; and, Count VII, Embezzlement of Vulnerable Adult. A \$50,000 bond was set, and Collier is still lodged at the Kalamazoo County Jail.

This investigation is ongoing, as Portage Department of Public Safety detectives believe there may be other victims.

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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