



## NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: February 18, 2018

Case No. 18-4437

On February 18, 2018 at 1:09 a.m., Portage Department of Public Safety Police and Fire units responded to the 5600 block of Lovers Lane for a motor vehicle theft that had just occurred.

Upon arrival, officers learned that the victim noticed a dark-colored SUV in the neighborhood just before she observed a black male subject, wearing all black, attempting to steal her vehicle from her driveway. The victim attempted to stop the theft by entering her vehicle through the passenger side door; however, the suspect continued to drive away, dragging her for a short distance, causing minor abrasions to her knees.

The suspect left the scene in the vehicle. The victim then called 9-1-1. A short time later, a neighboring resident located the stolen vehicle, unoccupied, approximately one block away from the victim's residence. A K9 unit from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department was called to attempt to locate the suspect, however, was unsuccessful.

The incident remains under investigation, and anyone with information is asked to call Portage Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100,

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

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