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Chief Gary Mayer
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Dear Chief Mayer,

On March 6, 2014, Troy Police Department's Special Investigation Unit (SIU) captured two serial home invasion suspects in Ferndale. Over the preceding few weeks, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Oak Park, and Hazel Park experienced multiple home invasions with similar MOs. Two suspects were identified and Troy SIU was contacted to set up surveillance. Shortly after setting up surveillance, your officers arrested the suspects leaving the scene of a home invasion.

Normally it is in each agency's best interest to assist each other with this type of crime, as most criminals do not pay attention to municipal borders, but that was not true in this case. In fact, the suspects were very surprised to be arrested by Troy PD as they made deliberate efforts to stay out of the City of Troy. It appears the reputation of Troy PD's SIU was well known to both suspects, and investigators believe they purposely targeted communities without plain clothes surveillance units.

The ring leader in this case is a career criminal who was well versed in police tactics. By using his partner as a look out he was able to avoid arrest. Without the assistance of your plain clothes officers it is very unlikely these suspects would have been caught and their crime spree thwarted.

Over the last several years our departments have developed a mutually beneficial working relationship. This relationship and the cooperation between our agencies have helped to make both our communities safer.

Thank you for your assistance and if you ever need anything from the Royal Oak Police Department we are always here to return the favor.

Sincerely,

Chief Corrigan O'Donohue
Royal Oak Police Department

Troy PD – Sgt. Scott LaMilza, Police Officers Tim Daniels & Dan Langbeen
Bloomfield Twp. PD- Police Officer Tony Woycehoski

Thank you for your professional efforts in arresting these serial Home Invasion suspects. We know that they were not strangers to Troy PD since we have contacts with them going back to 2003. They had committed previous felonies in Troy and our partner communities. I really appreciate your good work. It is obvious that these felons do also.

Gary Mayer