



## NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Case No. 19-21149

On August 19, 2019, at 2:57 a.m., the Portage Department of Public Safety's Police Division responded to Target, located at 6839 S. Westnedge Ave., in reference to an alarm. Upon arrival, officers discovered that the front glass door to Target was shattered out. Officers would also discover that the front window to Game Stop, which is located in the same shopping plaza as Target, was also damaged. Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority personnel spoke with a representative from Target's headquarters while dispatching the alarm. The Target employee was able to remotely view the video recordings from the cameras inside of the store. They stated that a male subject wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and black pants, carrying a black backpack, made it into the vestibule area of the store but then left the area heading north.

Other officers responding to the alarm noticed a subject wearing all black clothing and carrying a black backpack riding a bicycle on S. Westnedge Ave. a short distance away from the store. Upon stopping the subject and speaking with him, officers noticed broken glass on the subject's pants. The subject, an 18 year-old Kalamazoo man, confessed to attempting to break into Target. He also confessed to trying to break into Game Stop. He was arrested and transported to the Kalamazoo County Jail. This incident remains under investigation.

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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