



NEWS RELEASE

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Case No. 13-0003

On January 1, 2013 at 12:12 a.m., Portage Department of Public Safety firefighters and police officers were dispatched to a report of smoke coming from a three-story apartment building on Ivywood Street in the Timberwood Crossing apartments. Neighboring residents were temporarily evacuated while fire units extinguished a fire that was in the main bedroom of the apartment. The residents were not home, and no one was injured. Officers investigated and discovered that the apartment door was kicked in, the apartment ransacked, and a fire set in the bedroom.

The 33-year-old resident arrived home and said that she recently received threats from her ex-husband. While officers were on-scene, the suspect called the victim and threatened suicide. PDPS officers went to his residence in Kalamazoo Township and were assisted by Kalamazoo Township Police Department and the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department. The suspect was contacted by PDPS Crisis Negotiators, and he exited the residence and was taken into custody without incident. The 36-year-old Kalamazoo Township resident was arrested and lodged at the Kalamazoo County jail pending charges of Home Invasion and Arson of a Dwelling.

The Portage Department of Public Safety is requesting anyone with information concerning this investigation to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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