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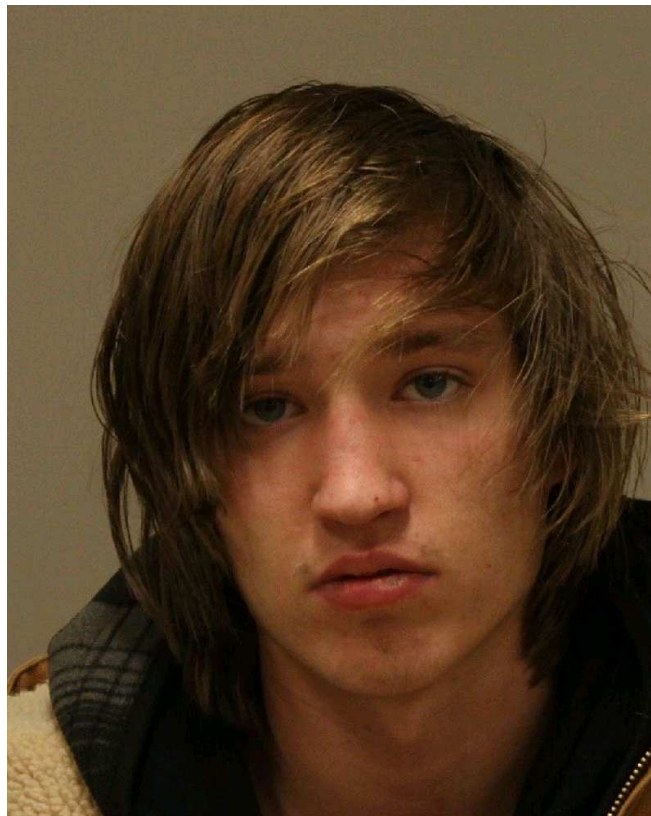
Complaint Number: 17-212403

Approved by: Sgt Cammenga
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Type of Incident: Residential Burglaries Southern Kent County

Narrative:

On March 16, 2017 and March 17, 2017 the Kent County Sheriff's Office responded to multiple daytime Home Invasions in Gaines and Byron Townships in Southern Kent County. On 3/17/2017 an alert citizen observed a suspicious person in a Gaines Township neighborhood and contacted the Sheriff's Office. Deputies located the subject, 19 year old Troy Ritsema of Byron Township, who had a large amount of stolen property in his vehicle. A search warrant of the suspect's residence resulted in more stolen property being recovered. Ritsema was arrested and the Prosecutor's Office charged him with two counts of first degree home invasion and possession of burglary tools. Ritsema is currently being held at the Kent County Correctional Facility on a \$100,000 bond.



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