



OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: February 17, 2018
Complaint Number: 18-107802
Type of Incident: Home Invasion
Detective: Ryan Thome
Supervisor Approval: Lt. Al Roetman

UPDATE – FEBRUARY 21, 2018

On February 21, 2018, the Kent County Prosecutor's Office authorized a charge on John Earl Palmer Jr., 50 years old from Grand Rapids, for Home Invasion 2nd Degree. He was arraigned in the 63rd District Court and is currently lodged at the Kent County Correctional Facility.

UPDATE – FEBRUARY 20, 2018

We received several tips from citizens after seeing the surveillance photographs on the news and social media helping us identify a suspect. On February 20, 2018, members of the Kent County Sheriff's Office made contact with a suspect in the City of Grand Rapids. He was lodged at the Kent County Correctional Facility. The name is being withheld until the case is reviewed by the Kent County Prosecutor's Office and the suspect is arraigned.

ORIGINAL – FEBRUARY 17, 2018

On Friday February 16th, 2017 The Kent County Sheriff's Office responded to a home invasion report in the 4400 Block of 76th Street Sw in Byron Township. The caller reported that they returned home during the afternoon and discovered that a TV and money were stolen from their home. The suspect was captured on the home owner's surveillance camera loading the TV into a purple four door passenger car which is possibly a 2005 Buick LaCrosse. The suspect is a black male, wearing a light brown winter stocking cap, black jacket, blue jeans, and grey and white Nike tennis shoes. Photos of the suspect and vehicle are attached to this release.

Anyone with information or who can identify the suspect is asked to call The Kent County Sheriff's Office at (616) 632-6357 or Silent Observer at (616)774-2345.