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Birmingham Police (BIPD) charge man in home invasion case dating back to 2016; defendant faces preliminary examination on Feb. 5, 2019

BIPD use of collaborative law enforcement resources also helped close a home invasion case from February of 2017

BIRMINGHAM, MI, January 14, 2019- Thanks to solid investigative work, the Birmingham Police Department announced it has charged a suspect in a home invasion case from June of 2016.

Ryan Brown, a 34-year old male, faces charges in connection with a home invasion in the 300 block of Greenwood Street in Birmingham on June 25, 2016. During the burglary, Brown is charged with having stolen a 74" Sony television and a Bona wood floor scrubber.

Through rounds of investigative work, BIPD gathered critical information from the owner of the floor scrubber, also one of the victims of the burglary, that helped break the case in November of 2018. BIPD detectives used the information to identify Brown as a potential suspect. "We moved on the new information when it was available which is something our department does whether a case is cold or current," said **BIPD Detective Chris Busen**, the lead investigator of the Greenwood case. "We are pleased we were able to solve this case and charge this defendant."

Brown, who was arraigned on December 20, 2018, faces second degree home invasion charges and the possibility of up to 15-years-in prison in the felony case. Brown suffered from a substance abuse issue during the time of the crime. He could also face a fine of up to \$3,000. His preliminary examination is slated for Feb. 5, 2019 at 48th District Court before Judge Diane D'Agostini. The proceeding is scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m.

In addition to the Greenwood Street case, the Birmingham Police Department was also successful in helping to solve a home invasion case from February of 2017 in the 1000 block of North Old Woodward. According to Police Chief Mark Clemence, BIPD shared information about the home invasion with West Bloomfield Police Department detectives at a regional investigators meeting, something BIPD attends on a regular basis.

"The modus operandi of our case matched a series of home invasions that West Bloomfield was looking into. After a lengthy and complicated investigation, West Bloomfield Police arrested three suspects for a number of home invasions throughout Oakland County, including our case," Clemence

said. He cited the case, which targeted the homes of Asian business owners, as another example of how law enforcement agencies sharing information and working collaboratively is far more effective in solving crimes that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

“The victims of our case were very pleased. Not only were the perpetrators caught and convicted, the homeowners recovered the \$35,000 stolen from them,” Clemence said. “Our strategy of working with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies is paying dividends and contributing to our recent ranking as being the 12th safest city in Michigan based on Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) crime statistics,” Clemence concluded.

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