

Police grab suspect in crime wave - Cops accuse Detroit man of committing 50 suburban break- ins

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ROCHESTER HILLS ? A man who **police** say prowled some of Metro Detroit's more affluent suburbs committing an estimated 50 daytime home invasions during the past two months is **in** custody and expected to face multiple charges.

James L. Waddy, 34, of Detroit was charged during the weekend with a Rochester Hills break-**in** after he was followed and watched by a Troy **police** surveillance unit.

"This guy is a one-man **crime wave** ," said Franklin **Police** Chief Edward Glomb, who believes Waddy is responsible for nine break- **ins in** Franklin and Bingham Farms since December.

"Nothing fancy. He would go up to a door and knock. If somebody answered, he would make up some excuse or pretend he was lost," Glomb said. "If no one was home, he would kick **in** the door."

A rash of break- **ins** prompted Glomb to send a letter to residents **in** his community, warning them to be on the watch for suspicious incidents and to report them to **police** .

Police say Waddy was spotted breaking into a home **in** the 2000 block of Cattail **in** Rochester Hills on Friday afternoon. **Police** grabbed him a couple minutes later coming out the front door with about \$2,000 **in** jewelry and valuables.

"We expect he is good for two other break- **ins** we've had recently," said Lt. Mike Johnson of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Rochester Hills substation. "He's been busy. **Police** from Grosse Pointe to Commerce Township and north to Waterford Township are interested **in** him to clear cases.

"He was **in** custody here at 5 p.m. Friday and we had **police** from throughout the area lining up to talk to him until about 1 a.m."

When arrested, Waddy was driving a red Pontiac Grand Am, similar to a vehicle a Franklin resident saw near a break- **in in** that suburb two weeks earlier. Investigators found numerous pawn shop receipts **in** Waddy's motel room, and **police** say he has admitted to having a \$500-a-day crack cocaine habit.

In January 2001, Waddy was sentenced **in** a Wayne County home invasion. He was paroled on a tether **in** January 2003 and required to submit to weekly urinalysis tests to detect drugs. He was released from the tether **in** mid-November 2003.

Waddy was arraigned before Magistrate Judith Holtz and is held **in** the Oakland County Jail under a \$250,000 bond. A Feb. 5 pre-exam conference is scheduled for the case.

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