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MEDIA RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Home Invasions

DATE: Friday, March 03, 2017 **TIME:** 0800 AM

LOCATION: Residences primarily in the NW sector of Pittsfield Twp.

POLICE COMPLAINT NUMBER:

INFORMATION: The Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety has had six (6) unoccupied home invasions that appear to be connected. The home invasions began in April 2016, with the majority of the incidents occurring in February 2017. The unknown suspects force entry into the homes through the rear door. Once inside, the suspects ransack the master bedroom and bathroom, taking safes, jewelry, money, and guns. Electronics are not stolen. All of the victims have been or currently are self-employed business owners of Asian ethnicity.

The approximate times and locations are:

April 26, 2016 at 1405 hours, 4400 block of Blossom Hill Trail
November 29, 2016 between 0840–1130 hours, 3800 block of Highlander Way W.
February 4, 2017 between 1400–1745 hours, 1600 block of W. Ellsworth Rd.
February 22, 2017 between 1800 - 2100 hours, 1400 block of Bicentennial Parkway
February 25, 2017 between 1730-2115 hours, 3700 block of Highlander Way W.
February 26-28, 2017 unknown time frame, 5500 block of Lohr Lake Drive

If you have any information regarding these incidents, you are asked to contact Detective Jami Booth immediately at 734-822-6074. If you would like to remain anonymous, please call the Pittsfield Township Police Department tip line at 734-822-4958. Please report any suspicious individuals and/or vehicles in your area.

INJURIES: None

SUSPECT(S): Unknown at this time

ADDITIONAL: Pittsfield Police have learned that several other police agencies in Michigan and Ohio have also investigated similar crimes involving Asian business owners' homes being targeted.

Due to the crime of opportunity and similar circumstances involved in these incidents, residents are reminded of the following:

- * As a business owner, avoid keeping cash in your home
- * Have and use the security system in your home, such as video/camera surveillance and alarm systems
- * Close blinds and curtains so that people cannot see into your residence
- * Lock all windows and doors
- * Engrave your property so it will be easily identifiable to you if your property is stolen and recovered, and keep a detailed list of all valuables
- * Residents are encouraged to call the police immediately to report suspicious vehicles or persons around or at a home when neighbors are at work or away

FURTHER INVESTIGATION: Pittsfield Twp. Police Detective Bureau

MEDIA CONTACT PERSON: Gordy Schick, Deputy Chief - Police 734-822-4923