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Bi-Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary

February 11th - 24th, 2019

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CrimeMapping.com Map- click on "show reports / print" for details.

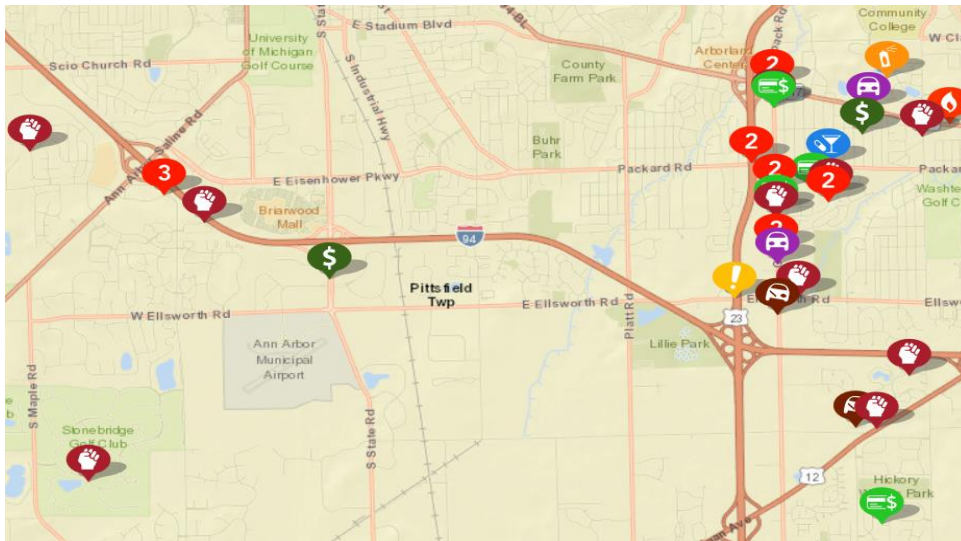
February 11th - 24th, 2019, showing crime types: *Arson, Assault, Burglary, Disturbing the Peace, Drugs / Alcohol Violations, DUI, Fraud, Homicide, Motor Vehicle Theft, Robbery, Sex Crimes, Theft / Larceny, Vandalism, Vehicle Break-In / Theft, Weapons*

Pittsfield Twp. D.P.S. 6227 W. MI Ave., new lobby hours starting January 2nd, 2019, 7a.m. – 6 p.m.

The below named incidents remain under investigation. If anyone has any information about or has been a witness to any of these crimes, please contact the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety:

- Confidential TIP line: 734-822-4958 (Detective Bureau)
- General Information: 734-822-4911 (Front Desk)
- Request Police Response: 734-994-2911 (Metro Dispatch)

Residents are encouraged to sign up for Pittsfield Township alerts and department notices through **"Notify Me"**. Please go to www.pittsfield-mi.gov





RS: Don't be victim to a 'ghost' tax return preparer
IR-2019-09, February 7, 2019

WASHINGTON – Today, towards the end of the second full week of the 2019 tax filing season, the Internal Revenue Service warned taxpayers to avoid unethical tax return preparers, known as ghost preparers.

By law, anyone who is paid to prepare or assist in preparing federal tax returns must have a valid 2019 Preparer Tax Identification Number, or PTIN. Paid preparers must sign the return and include their PTIN.

But 'ghost' preparers do not sign the return. Instead, they print the return and tell the taxpayer to sign and mail it to the IRS. Or, for e-filed returns, they prepare but refuse to digitally sign it as the paid preparer.

According to the IRS, similar to other tax preparation schemes, dishonest and unscrupulous ghost tax return preparers look to make a fast buck by promising a big refund or charging fees based on a percentage of the refund. These scammers hurt honest taxpayers who are simply trying to do the right thing and file a legitimate tax return.

Ghost tax return preparers may also:

- Require payment in cash only and not provide a receipt.
- Invent income to erroneously qualify their clients for tax credits or claim fake deductions to boost their refunds.
- Direct refunds into their own bank account rather than the taxpayer's account.

The IRS urges taxpayers to review their tax return carefully before signing and ask questions if something is not clear. And for any direct deposit refund, taxpayers should make sure both the routing and bank account number on the completed tax return are correct.

The IRS offers tips to help taxpayers choose a tax return preparer wisely. The [Choosing a Tax Professional](#) page has information about tax preparer [credentials and qualifications](#). The IRS [Directory](#) of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications can help identify many preparers by type of credential or qualification.

Taxpayers can report abusive tax preparers to the IRS. Use [Form 14157](#), Complaint: Tax Return Preparer. If a taxpayer suspects a tax preparer filed or changed their tax return without their consent, they should file [Form 14157-A](#), Tax Return Preparer Fraud or Misconduct Affidavit.

Pittsfield Twp. D.P.S. has joined the "Law Enforcement" notification system of Nextdoor. If your subdivision has created an account please sign up for the alerts / notices.

