

**ANN ARBOR PD**

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ANN ARBOR MI 48104
734-794-6954

**Case Report****Administrative Details:**

CR No 120004833	Subject 2399 - Larceny (Other) [23007]
Report Date/Time 02/04/2012 09:52	Occurrence Date/Time From: 02/04/2012 09:45 To: 02/04/2012 09:50
Location 2000 WASHTENAW AVE	Call Source TELEPHONE
Dispatched Offense 2399 LARCENY	Verified Offense 2399 Larceny (Other)
OIC Lee, Craig (AALEEC-09600)	OIC Contact Number
County 81 - Washtenaw	City/Twp/Village 89 - Ann Arbor
Division Patrol - Days	

Action Requested:

<input type="checkbox"/> Arrest warrant	<input type="checkbox"/> Review only
<input type="checkbox"/> Search warrant	<input type="checkbox"/> Forfeiture
<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Other



Offenses:

2399 - Larceny (Other) [AAKLEITSCHK (12800)]		
IBR Code / IBR Group	Offense File Class	
23H - All Other Larceny / A	23007 - LARCENY -OTHER	
Crime Against	Location Type	Offense Completed
PR	13 - Highway/Road/Alley/Sidewalk	Completed
Domestic Violence	Hate/Bias	
No	99 - Unknown (Offenders Motivation Not Known)	
Using		
A-Alcohol: No C-Computer Equipment: No D-Drugs/Narcotics: No		

People:

SUSPECT, UNKNOWN (S-SUSPECT) [AAKLEITSCHK (12800)]							
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms
SUSPECT		UNKNOWN					
DOB (Age)	Sex	Race	Ethnicity	Birth State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship	
45	M	WHITE					
Eye Color		Hair Color		Hair Style		Hair Length	Facial Hair
Unknown		Unknown					
Complexion	Build	Teeth	Height	Weight	Attire		
	Medium		5' 7"	170			
Notes							
WORE GLASSES/STOCKY BUILD/SCRUFFY APPEARANCE							

HERSKOVITZ, HENRY (V-VICTIM) [AAKLEITSCHK (12800)]								
Victim Type		Victim of						
I - Individual		2399 - Larceny (Other)						
PE:	W.Type:	Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms
		HERSKOVITZ		HENRY				
DOB (Age)	Sex	Race	Ethnicity	Birth State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship		
03/28/1946 (65)	M	WHITE						
Street Address			Apt #	County	Country	Home Phone	Work Phone	
404 MARK HANNAH PLACE						7346633649		
City			State	Zip	Cell Phone	Email		
Ann Arbor			MI	48104	7346465447			
Victim Injury								

LEVY, IRA LAWRENCE (O-OTHER) (X-MISCELLANEOUS) [AAKLEITSCHK (12800)]								
PE:	W.Type:	Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Suffix	Mr/Mrs/Ms
		LEVY		IRA		LAWRENCE		
DOB (Age)	Sex	Race	Ethnicity	Birth State	Birth Country	Country of Citizenship		
[REDACTED] (56)	M	UNKNOWN						
Street Address			Apt #	County	Country	Home Phone	Work Phone	
[REDACTED]								
City			State	Zip	Cell Phone	Email		
Ann Arbor			MI	48103				
Notes								
VEHICLE OWNER OF PLATE BVV8404								

Property:

3501 - Automobile/Car/Vehicle (not Stolen Or Recovered) 5403 [AAKLEITSCHK (12800)]		
Property Class	IBR Type	UCR Type
03	03 - Automobiles	V - Other Vehicle (not Stolen or Recovered)



Status I - Information Only			Count 1	Value 1
Manufacturer HONDA	Model 7 A	Serial No. JHMGE88459S004633	License No. BVV8408	Color BLU - Blue
Vehicle Year 2009	Body Style HB - Hatchback	State MI	License Year 2012	
Description SUSPECT VEHICLE		Disposition	Evidence Tag	
Recovered Date/Time	Location	Owner □ ,		
Notes VICTIM STATED VEHICLE WAS A MAZDA.				

9936 - Signs, Street Signs, Directional Signals 5488 [AAKLEITSCHK (12800)]				
Property Class 88	IBR Type 77 - Other	UCR Type K - Miscellaneous		
Status S - Stolen/Etc. (Bribed/Defrauded/Embezzled/Ransomed/Etc.)			Count 1	Value 35
Description WHITE CORRIGATED POSTER BOARD SIGN		Disposition	Evidence Tag	
Recovered Date/Time	Location	Owner [V14149021] HERSKOVITZ, HENRY		
Notes WHITE SIGN WITH BLACK "ZIONISM' KOSHER APARTHEID" APPROXIMATELY 4X4				

Narrative:

CR No: 120004833-001 Written By: AAKLEITSCHK (12800) Date: 02/04/2012 10:37 AM

REPORT:

Officers were dispatched to 2000 Washtenaw reference a Larceny that had just occurred. The caller, Henry Herskovitz, with the Jewish Free Palestine Protest Group, was reporting one of their groups printed protest signs had been taken.

VICTIM STATEMENT:

Upon our arrival, Henry Herskovitz was standing out along the sidewalk next to Austin Dr to the West of Washtenaw Ave. There he was holding a sign in protest. As we made contact with him, he stated that he had called after a subject took one of their protest signs which had been on display on a vehicle. The sign in question, was approximately a 4x4 white corrugated poster board sign with "Zionism'Kosher Apartheid" printed in black lettering. This sign had been displayed unattended resting on a fellow protester's car's windshield. The car was parked along Austin Dr facing Washtenaw Ave. As Herskovitz was standing with his sign, he noticed a vehicle pull up and stop along side the parked car. He then noticed the driver who was alone in the car take the sign off the car windshield and throw it into their car. Herskovitz stated that when he realized what was taking place, he walked over to the vehicle as the man was getting back in the driver seat and stated "give me the sign back". The suspect responded, "you are not getting it



back" and drove off making a right turn onto Washtenaw Ave and leaving the area. Herskovitz then called the police.

SUSPECT INFORMATION:

The caller stated he wrote the vehicle license plate down after the suspect got into their vehicle. This plate was reported to be BVV8404, which Herskovitz stated was on a Blue "Mazda" (stating the vehicle emblem looked like the wings of a bird). The suspect he stated was just getting into their car so he did not get a good full view before they drove off on Washtenaw Ave towards Stadium Blvd. Herskovitz stated he had never had an encounter or seen the suspect before.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The license plate of BVV8404 returned to a Honda registered to an Ira Levy. No contact was made with the suspect vehicle.

SUSPECT ID:

Yes. Herskovitz was then only one of the group to have contact with this subject.

PROSECUTION DESIRED:

Yes.

DISPOSITION:

Open.

CR No: 120004833-002 Written By: AALEEC (09600) Date: 03/02/2012 09:57 AM

Report:

On 2/22/12, I was assigned to follow up a larceny case.

Contact Victim:

I reviewed the case and called and spoke to the complainant, Henry Herskovitz. Herskovitz advised he was near the Jewish Center, on Washtenaw Ave, protesting. (2/4/12) Herskovitz advised his group had a 3'x2' "Zionism Koshers Apartheid" protest sign, on the windshield of a car. Herskovitz said he saw a blue wagon or SUV possibly a Mazda, car pull up next to the car, with the sign. Herskovitz said he saw the driver get out, take the sign off the car, put in his car and get back in the car.

Herskovitz said, he went over to the suspect, as the suspect was getting in the car and told the suspect to give the sign back. Herskovitz said the suspect told him he was not getting the sign back and drove away.

Herskovitz said described the suspect as a w/m, shortish, thick build, 170-180 lbs, and wearing glasses. Herskovitz said he viewed the suspect from the passenger side of the car and over/through the car, so he did not get a perfect view of the suspect.



Herskovitz said as the driver drove away, he went to the back of the car and looked at the license plate. Herskovitz said he did his best to remember the plate, with the help of some others, immediately called the police and reported the incident.

On 3/6/12, Herskovitz came to AAPD for a photo lineup. Det Lencioni handled the line up for me, as I got called out of the office on another call. Lencioni said Herskovitz identified Ira Levy (registered Owner of the car) as "standing out" and said the day of the incident he was wearing glasses. See Lencioni's supplement.

Suspect Contact:

I filed checked the license plate provided by Herskovitz. The license plate returned on a 2009 Honda hatchback, registered to an Ira Levy. I subsequently made telephone contact with Ira Levy.

Levy advised he did own a 2009 Honda Fit, which was dark blue, almost black in color, but no he longer owns it. Levy stated he sold the car back in December to a young man, who told him he was looking for a winter car. Levy said he signed off the title, when he sold the car. Levy said he allowed the buyer to take the car with the plate on it. Levy said the guy said he was going to get it put in his name, so Levy wasn't concerned. Levy said he should have taken the plate or went to the Sec of State, but he didn't. Levy said he should have a name and information around for the kid he sold the car to. Levy said he is in the process of moving, so he will have to look for it, but he will get back to me. Levy states he currently is driving a black Subaru, with MI license plate, CKF4626.

Levy said he is familiar with the group of protestors and is a member of the Hebrew Center. Levy said he just let's that group be and they do what they do, he did not take the sign and has not heard of a sign being taken.

On 3/9/12, I spoke to Levy again via tx, after he was id'd by Herskovitz. I told Levy I needed him to come into the PD, so we could talk and get this resolved. Levy asked if he needed and attorney. I explained to Levy that a sign was stolen and the victim wants to press charges. I explained the victim, identified his car as being involved and the car is still registered to him and he fits the description of the subject who took the sign, so I needed to clear up if he was involved. I told Levy I could not advise him one way or the other if he needed an attorney. I told Levy I did need to clarify a couple of things and told him no one was going to be arrested when he came in and it would be completely voluntary.

Levy said he did go the Sec. of State office, in Chelsea, and told them he sold the car. Levy said he was told the car still had not been registered, buy the guy who bought it and the sec of State told him he'd still be liable for parking tickets and things like that. I told him he may be, as the car is still registered to him, but my concern was the sign.

Levy agreed to come in and we set up an interview time for 0800 Monday 3/12/11 and said he did find a copy of the title he signed off and told me he would bring it in.

Suspect Interview:

On 3/12/2012, Ira Levy came to the PD, for an interview. We sat down in an AAPD interview room and I asked Levy, why he thought I called him. Levy said it must be about the sign and his car, like we have been talking about.

I told Levy that we were investigating a theft of a sign and the investigation will show if he was involved and I asked Levy if he stole the sign. Levy said no. I asked Levy if he knew who took the sign. Levy said no. I asked if he knew anybody who did or would take the sign. Levy said



no. I asked Levy how he felt about being called in and interviewed about this. Levy said he understood it, but was uncomfortable. Levy said he was worried about his daughter finding out or somebody seeing him at the police department. I asked if he told his daughter he was coming in today. Levy said he did not and it's not something she needs to know or worry about. I asked Levy if he thinks the sign was really stolen. Levy said he didn't know. Levy said he has seen them (the protestors) on Saturday's and knows they are confrontational. Levy said he has heard and knows he (Herskovitz) is confrontational and pushed right up to the limit and his rights. Levy said his rabbi told him he (Herskovitz) pressed charges when somebody brushed up against him, during his protest, so maybe this is just something like that. I asked Levy if he (Herskovitz) was lying when he says he saw him take the sign and identified him from a photo line up. Levy said Yes. Levy said he may have seen somebody taking the sign, but he didn't see him take it. Levy said the guy who bought his car also had a moustache and some goatee, so maybe he saw him. I asked why he thinks someone would take the sign. Levy said because of the controversy. Levy said you have Jewish people protesting other Jewish people. Levy said people get agitated by this and could have taken it because of it. I asked Levy why he wouldn't take the sign. Levy said he would not do that. Levy said he has no reason to; he wouldn't get involved and just wouldn't do it.

I asked Levy if he had the copy of the title. Levy said he did and gave me a copy of the title for his Honda. The copy shows Ira Levy and Elizabeth Levy had signed off on the title. The copy shows the date of sale for the car as 12/7/2012 (?) and selling price of \$4500. The title does not have any buyer information on it though. Levy said explained he just signed off on it, had his ex-wife sign of on it and gave the guy he sold the car to the title. I asked what the buyer looked like. Levy said he was probably late 20's early 30's, with a moustache and maybe a slight goatee. I asked if he any information like a name or number of the buyer. Levy said he did not.

I saw Levy was holding some glasses during the interview and recalled Herskovitz said the suspect was wearing glasses. I asked Levy about the glasses and asked if he wore glasses. Levy said he did not and said they were just for reading. I looked at the glasses and could see the glasses were not prescription type glasses and could see the looked like drug store bought type reading glasses.

I told Levy I would be finishing up the report shortly and explained it would be forwarded for the prosecuting attorney to review for possible charges and I would be in contact. Levy said he understood and the interview was ended.

Additional Information:

I worked with some different combinations of letters and numbers of the license plate, to check if Herskovitz may have transposed an 8 for a 4, or the alike. I did not locate any other combination that came back to a Mazda, a SUV or a wagon and none that returned to the immediate area.

As of 3/12/12, the plate BVV8408, showed still registered to a 2009 Honda to Ira Levy. It also should be noted Ira levy does not have a corrective lens restriction, per SOS.

I also called the Beth Isreal Temple and spoke to Rabbi Elliot. I explained I was investigating a theft and asked if the had camera's that would show out to the street area. Elliot said they did not have any camera's that cover that area.

Disposition:

Closed, forwarded to city attorney office for review.



CR No: 120004833-003 **Written By: AALENCIONIM (50100)** **Date: 03/06/2012 11:02 AM**

AUTHOR: Detective Michael Lencioni

PHOTO LINEUP: On March 6, 2012, Det. Lee requested this detective to assist him in this investigation.

Lee stated that Henry Herskovitz would be responding to AAPD to view a photo lineup that was previously compiled. This detective was requested to show the lineup to Herskovitz.

On March 6, 2012, at approximately 1055 hours, this detective met with Herskovitz in the AAPD detective bureau. Herskovitz was escorted to one of the interview rooms.

This detective explained that a photo lineup was compiled and that the suspect in the case may or may not be present. Herskovitz was asked to identify the suspect, if observed. After approximately 5 seconds, Herskovitz pointed to the photo in position #4 and stated, "This guy stands out...#4. The guy (on the date of the incident) was wearing glasses though."

Following the lineup, Herskovitz was escorted to the lobby.

DISPOSITION: Supplemental Report Filed.

CR No: 120004833-004 **Written By: AALEEC (09600)** **Date: 03/22/2012 08:12 AM**

Report:

On 3/22/12, I received notice there was insufficient evidence of identity per Assistant City Attorney Westand prosecution is denied.

Disposition:

Closed, warrant denied

EVIDENCE LIST

Incident No.: 120004833

Agency: Ann Arbor PD

ITEM	NEEDED	IN-FILE	COMMENTS
Audio/Video Tape and Transcripts	()	()	
Autopsy Report	()	()	
BAC/Blood/Semen	()	()	
Ballistics/Bullets	()	()	
Chain of Evidence List	()	()	
Clothing/Shoes	()	()	
Confession (written, audio, video	()	()	
Controlled Substance (Tox Report)	()	()	
Criminal History	()	()	
CSC Kit	()	()	
Diagram Map	()	()	
Finger/Foot Prints	()	()	
Hair/Fiber	()	()	
Hospital/Medical Records	()	()	
Photographs/Slides	()	()	
Weapons	()	()	
Witness Statements	()	()	
CERTIFIED RECORDS	()	()	
SOS	()	()	
Convictions	()	()	
	()	()	
	()	()	
	()	()	
OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	()	()	
3501 - Automobile/Car/Vehicle (not Stolen Or Recovered)			_____
9936 - Signs, Street Signs, Directional Signals 5488			_____
VICTIM PROPERTY			_____
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 Officer In Charge Date Phone No.

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office certifies that (*) property belonging to the crime victim must be retained by the Law Enforcement Agency for trial purposes in lieu of photograph or other means of memorialization pursuant to 1985 PA 87

 Assistant Prosecutor Date