



## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Warren Police Return Stolen Property to Local Business – Career criminal arrested in the act**

The Warren Police Department is proud to recognize the efforts of the men and women in uniform for their role in arresting a suspect responsible for stealing valuable lawn equipment from a local business. Thanks to the hard work of officers and investigators, the stolen items were able to be returned to the business the same day by the Warren Police without any damage.

In early April, the Warren Police Department was made aware of a suspect victimizing local landscape companies. The Department received a report from a local business which indicated that a suspect in a pickup truck had parked next to their work trailer and stolen several pieces of motorized lawn equipment. This case was assigned for investigation with detectives working to quickly identify the suspect and suspect vehicle. Using several pieces of evidence and other law enforcement investigative techniques, investigators were able to identify and locate the pickup truck used by the suspect in this case. On 04/25/2024, members of the Special Operations Unit observed this pickup truck in the area. Investigators performed directed surveillance on this pickup truck and watched as the suspect entered a church parking lot on 14 Mile Rd in Sterling Heights where Grasshopper Lawn Maintenance was at work cutting the grass. Investigators watched as the suspect deliberately parked near the company's work truck. Investigators next observed the suspect exit his pickup truck and steal two backpack leaf blowers from the work truck. The suspect then fled the scene in his pickup truck. Warren officers confirmed the theft with Grasshopper employees on site and notified the Sterling Heights Police Department. Warren officers then affected a stop on the suspect on Groesbeck in Warren. Inside the suspect's pickup truck, officers immediately observed the two freshly stolen backpack leaf blowers. A further search of the suspect's vehicle revealed burglary tools as well as other likely stolen lawn equipment. The suspect was arrested without incident. Officers were then able to process the lawn equipment and return it to Grasshopper employees before the end of the day.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office charged 48-year-old Brent Glass of Detroit with receiving & concealing stolen property 3<sup>rd</sup> offense (10-year felony), possession of burglary tools (10-year felony), and driving on a suspended license 2<sup>nd</sup> offense (1 year misdemeanor). Glass was also charged for his role in the theft from a landscaping company in early April. For that incident, Glass was charged with Larceny \$1,000 to \$20,000 (5-year felony) and driving on a suspended license 2<sup>nd</sup> offense (1-year misdemeanor). Glass was arraigned by visiting Judge Ethridge at the 37<sup>th</sup> District Court wherein not guilty pleas were. Total bond was set at \$25,000/10% with a GPS tether required if bond is posted. Glass has 10 previous felony convictions dating back to the early 2000s for larceny and other theft-related offenses. He was thus charged as a habitual 4<sup>th</sup> offender by the Prosecutor's Office for these two incidents.

The Warren Police Department's goal in cases like these is to arrest those responsible and get the property back to the owners as quickly as possible. In this particularly case, investigators were able to identify a career criminal who had stolen valuable equipment from local businesses and arrest him after observing him steal items from a landscape company working at a church. Officers were then able to return the stolen items the same day to the business without delay. This is yet another example of the Warren Police Department working hard to keep the community safe and thwart future thefts.



*Brent Glass, booking photo*

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