



PRESS RELEASE

Warren Police Solve String of Church Break-Ins – Repeat offender charged

The Warren Police Department is pleased to announce the arrest of Andre Lane, a 37-year-old Warren resident charged with several felonies in connection with a serial burglary spree targeting local churches.

Between March 31 and April 20, 2026, the Warren Police Department responded to eight reports of overnight forced-entry burglaries at various churches throughout the city. Two assigned detectives identified a consistent pattern in these crimes, noting that the suspect gained entry by breaking windows or doors, rummaged through office paperwork, and tampered with onsite security systems. Assorted items were stolen during each of these break-ins.

Detectives were extremely relentless and meticulous as they reviewed numerous hours of surveillance footage, which captured the suspect approaching the buildings on a specific beach cruiser bicycle. Investigators developed a detailed physical description of the suspect and noted specific clothing worn during the incidents. Investigators also determined that a computer stolen during one of the break-ins was used to conduct several online transactions. Using various record searches and other law enforcement investigative techniques, detectives successfully identified Andre Lane as the suspect, noting that his image was consistent with the physical description captured on assorted surveillance videos.

As this investigation progressed, investigators established surveillance on Lane and observed him exiting his Warren apartment wearing clothing similar to that seen in the surveillance footage and riding the same beach cruiser bicycle. Lane was taken into custody without incident by undercover officers from the Warren Police Department. Subsequent search warrants executed at residences associated with Lane resulted in the recovery of multiple pieces of stolen property, including financial items specifically linked to the victimized churches.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office charged Lane with 8 counts of breaking & entering a building with intent (10-year felony) and 1 count of illegal use of a Financial Transaction Device (4-year felony). Lane was also charged as a habitual 4th offender as he was an active parole absconder for home invasion crimes at the time of these incidents. Judge Faunce issued Lane a \$800,000 bond (\$100,000 per case). His next court date is 05/19/2026. Lane has previous convictions for theft, assault, and multiple home invasions.

Warren Police Commissioner Eric Hawkins stated that "this successful arrest is a direct result of the detail-oriented and tireless efforts of our detectives and our undercover units, building on the vital groundwork laid by our responding patrol officers. The vigilance by all officers and investigators ensured that no detail was overlooked, allowing us to combine digital forensics

with traditional on-the-street investigative follow ups. This total department effort demonstrates our unwavering commitment to protecting our community's sacred spaces, and we hope this apprehension brings a sense of peace back to the congregations affected by these crimes.”



Andre Lane, WPD Booking Photo

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