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Dearborn Parents and Community Leaders,

The Dearborn Police Department is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all of our citizens and visitors. While the overall crime rate in Dearborn fell almost 10 % in 2013, larcenies from retail establishments have continued to be a major source of crime in our community. Many of these larcenies are committed by young adults, under the age of 21, which could result in jail time.

The consequences of being arrested and charged with this type of an offense can be life altering for young adults. The consequences go far beyond being arrested, fined, and possibly jailed. When applying for jobs, enlisting in the military, filling out college applications, or joining civic organizations, the young adult will be required to articulate and explain their indiscretions. These explanations could continue well into adulthood, depending on the career/life path the young adult chooses, and could impact negatively upon their being considered for the position they are applying for. First impressions are important, one single moment of indiscretion and poor decision-making could cause a lifetime of regret.

Larcenies are not the only crimes committed by our young adults that could have long-term consequences. Similarly, crimes such as minor in possession of Alcohol, open intoxicants, Possession of Marijuana, prescription pill abuse, and Reckless Driving can have significant impact on young adults and their families. The offender could be arrested and brought to the Dearborn Police Department for processing, where they will be photographed, fingerprinted and charged criminally. If they are a juvenile (under the age of 16) they will held in a juvenile holding cell until their parents can pick them up or they are sent to a Juvenile detention Facility, depending on the nature of the crime. Young adults, above the age of 16, will be required to post a cash bond and/or appear before a judge prior to release. Furthermore, parents/guardians may be held responsible and charged with "Violation of Parental Responsibility".

The youthful offender will ultimately be required to appear before the juvenile court or a 19th District Court Judge to answer to the charges levied against them. If found guilty, the young adult could be committed to the Wayne County Youth Home, be put on probation, or be sentenced to the Work Program. While on probation, they may have to present monthly progress reports, write essays, and present school report cards. If they are charged with the possession/use of narcotics, they may be required to undergo a drug treatment program and submit to drug testing, as directed by the court.

It is for the above-mentioned reasons that I am asking for your assistance in challenging and educating our young adults to become good citizens and to make good life choices. We must all meet the challenge of developing positive characteristics in our youth through after school programs, mentoring, and guidance. I would like to thank you for your continued support and for your investment in making our youth the best that they can be.

Chief Ronald Haddad

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