

A Saginaw County Auto Theft Team (SCATT) detective was assigned to a suspicious case involving a vehicle registered out of North Carolina that had been driven into the Saginaw River. As usual, an auto theft was later reported. Further investigation by SCATT revealed that the vehicle was registered to a United States marine based at Camp Lejuene in North Carolina and that this marine had lent his vehicle to a fellow marine who he had served with in Iraq. This "fellow marine" returned to his hometown of Saginaw. The marine first told SCATT that the owner of the vehicle asked him to get rid of the car before he returned to North Carolina. He later admitted that he got drunk and accidentally drove the vehicle into the river. The marine has since been charged with filing a false police report.