



## ADVISORY BULLETIN

November 21, 2022

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### **Increased Criminal Activity Against Licensed Marijuana Businesses**

The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) is issuing this bulletin to notify marijuana businesses about an increase in criminal activity.

Between the months of April and November 2022, the CRA has identified a pattern in reported criminal activity at licensed locations, including the following:

- There have been 117 break-ins reported as of the publishing of this bulletin. With the exception of a very small number, these break-ins have been reported by sales locations, with more occurring at adult-use retailers than at medical marijuana provisioning centers.
- Individuals or groups of individuals breaking into, or attempting to break into, marijuana sales locations at night. These incidents have the following themes in common:
  - Usually, the individuals are in multiple vehicles and park in the outer portions of the parking lot or across the street from the licensed business.
  - One individual will approach the business and gain entry through a rear door using a tool of some type (crowbar, hammer, etc.)
  - Once the rear door has been opened, the remaining individuals will exit the vehicles and enter the store. The individuals will take whatever they can find in a short amount of time and leave the business, often before law enforcement can respond to an alarm.
- A significant number of these incidents have occurred in Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, and Branch counties.
- The majority of these incidents have occurred between midnight and 7 a.m. when the location is closed for business.

Licensees and applicants are reminded that the administrative rules require they notify the CRA and local law enforcement authorities within 24 hours of becoming aware of – or within 24 hours of when the licensees should have been aware of – the theft or loss of any product or criminal activity at the marijuana business.

*This advisory bulletin does not constitute legal advice. Applicants and Licensees are encouraged to seek legal counsel to ensure their operations comply with all applicable laws and administrative rules.*



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All suspicious activity should be reported to [CRA-Enforcement@michigan.gov](mailto:CRA-Enforcement@michigan.gov) and local law enforcement. Questions can be sent to the Cannabis Regulatory Agency Field Operations Section at the above email address also.