

The Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit (WWATU), with assistance from Livonia PD, busted a major auto theft ring responsible for the theft of about 50 vehicles from the Livonia, Redford Twp., and Detroit area over a four-week period. Three suspects were arrested and charged after they were positively identified through AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) after Livonia PD found their fingerprints on several stolen cars that were recovered. WWATU set up surveillance on two suspects and arrested them in a stolen van at one suspect's probation office. One suspect admitted to stealing 15-20 cars in a two-week period. Special thanks go to Livonia PD for their Crime Technician and to Southfield PD who assisted with surveillance. WWATU currently has a Livonia officer assigned to it.