

As part of the ongoing joint FBI/MSP investigation of illegal activity by members of the Highwaymen Motorcycle Club, the Downriver Auto Theft Team (DRATT) executed search warrants at four locations in the cities of Southgate, Lincoln Park, and Detroit. DRATT officers earlier learned of the whereabouts of a known Highwaymen Motorcycle Club member who was wanted on an outstanding DRATT warrant. He was also an absconder from the Department of Corrections. After learning of his whereabouts, DRATT began surveillance of his activities which indicated he was still actively involved in stealing and retagging vehicles. The wanted suspect was arrested during the search warrant execution in the city of Southgate, which also resulted in the recovery of two stolen vehicles. Search warrants at the other three locations resulted in the recovery of four additional stolen vehicles and one enclosed trailer. The total value of the recoveries was \$80,000. The suspect was lodged pending arraignment on state charges and the issuance of federal indictments. Several auto theft teams and numerous metro law enforcement agencies participated in a cooperative effort.