Organized Retail Crime (ORC) Advisory Board Meeting

September 17, 2020

Attendees:

Ms. Jamie Hansen, MSP Capt. Phil Menna, MSP

Mr. Dave Cammenga, Meijer Ms. Deborah Aure-Vachon, Meijer

Mr. Bill Hallan, Michigan Retailers Assoc. D/F/Lt. Denise Powell, MSP

Mr. Doug Lloyd, Eaton Co. Prosecutors Office Mr. John Shuler, Target Loss Prevention

Mr. Shannon Simons, General Public Rep. Mr. Ryan Themm, Meijer

Prior Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from June 18, 2020 were approved by committee.

Legislative Update

D/S/Sgt. Chris Gerard was unable to be present at meeting. Sergeant Gerard did provide a written update. See Attachment A.

Old Business

Mr. Bill Hallen mentioned that the Michigan Retailers Association has filed Articles of Incorporation for the MiORCA with the State of Michigan. Once the Articles of Incorporation have been approved by the State of Michigan, then the filing for non-profit status will begin.

New Business

None.

Roundtable

D/F/Lt. Denise Powell provided an update on a case pertaining to theft occurring at Home Depot and then resale of stolen property from her home. Surveillance provided proof of theft and resulted in confessions from the suspect. This was the largest ORC case recently.

Mr. John Schuler provided an update on MiORCA partnering with LP Magazine to provide training opportunities. He was able to attend a seminar recently, with Ms. Deborah Aure-Vachon, and they learned about technology opportunities to assist in maintain the website.

He has been also working with Michigan State Police pertaining to a gift card scam.

Ms. Deborah Aure-Vachon agreed that the seminar they attended was very beneficial. She mentioned that the cash out scam case is going well.

Mr. David Cammenga, has a large case out of Kalamazoo where the suspect is reselling stolen property on eBay. Working with a surveillance team to turn the case over the law enforcement. Other cases, where people are stuffing items in totes, cases, or large boxes.

Mr. David Lloyd mentioned that suspects are steal large items such as speaker bars and then reselling them online and at the pawn shops. He second that legislation is not moving anything pertaining to ORC. He offered, that he could also approach the ORC legislation from Prosecutors Association.

Mr. Bill Hallan following up on the draft language pertaining to stolen property being sold online to be added to the bills. Currently, the language is still in the preliminary stages and still looking for bill sponsor.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. on Microsoft Teams.