

## Organized Retail Crime (ORC) Advisory Board Meeting

December 17, 2020

### **Attendees:**

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| Ms. Jamie Hansen, MSP                        | D/F/Lt. Denise Powell, MSP              |
| D/F/Lt. Chris Hawkins, MSP                   | D/Lt. Theresa Maylone, MSP              |
| Mr. Bill Hallan, Michigan Retailers Assoc.   | Chief Chad Baugh, Canton Twp. PD        |
| Mr. Dave Cammenga, Meijer                    | Sgt. Chris Gerard, MSP                  |
| Mr. Doug Lloyd, Eaton Co. Prosecutors Office | Mr. John Shuler, Target Loss Prevention |
| Mr. Rod Maynard, Lowe's AP Operations        | Mr. Ryan Themm, Meijer                  |
| Mr. Shannon Simons, General Public Rep.      | Mr. Ed Henkel,                          |

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### **Prior Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes from September 17, 2020, were approved by committee.

### **Legislative Update**

Sergeant Gerard has been monitoring the bills, during the lame duck session.

- Senate Bill 56 did not make it out of committee nor receive a committee hearing.
- Senate Bill 295 did make it through the committee and passed 37 to 1, has not receive a house judiciary hearing.
- Senate Bill 868 did not receive a hearing.
- Senate Bill 4946 did not make it out of committee.

Beginning 2021, if the Senate bills are reintroduced, they will receive a new number.

Bills that have been passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor:

- House Bill 4104 was signed into law. Public Act 174 of 2019, effective March 19, 2020
- House Bill 4105 was signed into law, Public Act 170 of 2019, effective March 19, 2020.
- House Bill 4107 was signed into law, Public Act 171 of 2019, effective March 19, 2020.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Meeting dates for 2021 were proposed and approved to the committee.

Board member terms expire March or 2021. Those that wish to remain on the board must fill out an application on [www.Michigan.gov](http://www.Michigan.gov). It is at the Governor discretion as to who is appointed board members. The Michigan State Police, can make a recommendation on behalf of those that apply for the positions.

### **Roundtable**

Mr. Hallan shared a video, provided by Home Depot, with the board members that showed the severity of Organized Retail Crime. He also provided a survey done by the National Retail Federation, that also supports the Organized Retail Crime issue across the United States.

The MiORCA Articles of Incorporation were filed with the State of Michigan and were rejected. Currently in the process of revisions and will get them signed to be refiled with the state.

Mr. Cammenga shared the trends of those committing Organized Retail Crime. Updated the committee on ongoing investigations.

Chief Baugh updated the committee on a racketeering case within the area.

Mr. Lloyd updated the committee that prosecutors are seeing a decrease in cases pertaining to Organized Retail Crime.

Mr. Henkel provided awareness pertaining to phone scams, they call into retailers claiming to be the corporate offices requesting payment for shipments.

Mr. Schuler mentioned an increase in violence with subjects trying to be removed products from the stores. Has also an increase in large scale push out have increased, as well. He also pointed out that he has seen the scam that Mr. Henkel outlined. Mr. Shuler also mentioned a scam of subjects calling retail stores requesting a refund for a product purchased that was infested with bed bugs.

D/Lieutenant Maylone updated the committed on the cash scam.

D/F/Lieutenant Powell mentioned that she will be retiring and will no longer be available for the Organized Retail Crime meetings

Mr. Themm shared that there has been an increase in armed robberies at gas stations and pharmacies.

D/F/Lieutenant Hawkins opened the floor for public discussion, none was brought forward.

### **Next Meeting**

Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. at Michigan State Police Headquarters. This is contingent upon COVID-19 operational procedures.