



# Pittsfield Charter Township

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## Bi-Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary

June 24<sup>th</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**“Click the image below two weeks of CrimeMapping details”**



CrimeMapping.com Map- click on “show reports / print” for details.

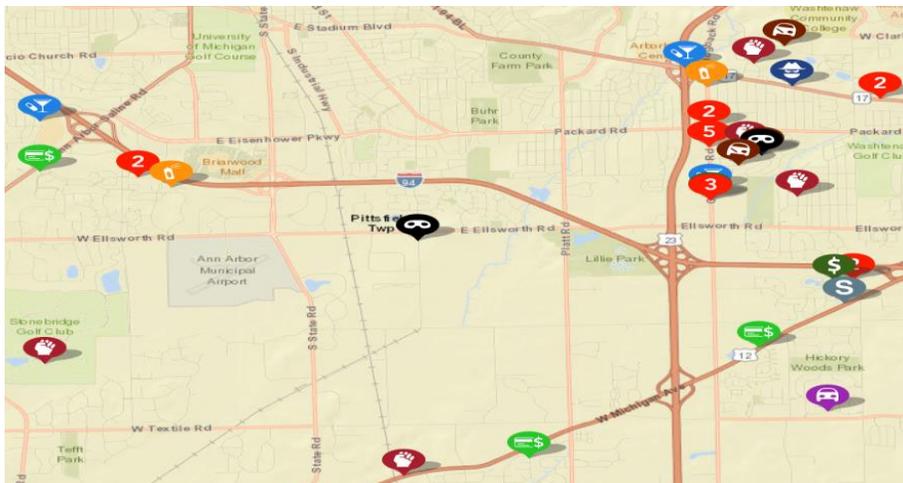
June 24<sup>th</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, showing crime types: *Arson, Assault, Burglary, Disturbing the Peace, Drugs / Alcohol Violations, DUI, Fraud, Homicide, Motor Vehicle Theft, Robbery, Sex Crimes, Theft / Larceny, Vandalism, Vehicle Break-In / Theft, Weapons*

Pittsfield Twp. D.P.S. 6227 W. MI Ave., new lobby hours starting April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Monday – Thursday 8a.m. – 5p.m. (<http://pittsfield-mi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4119>)

The below named incidents remain under investigation. If anyone has any information about or has been a witness to any of these crimes, please contact the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety:

- Confidential TIP line: 734-822-4958 (Detective Bureau)
- General Information: 734-822-4911 (Front Desk)
- Request Police Response: 734-994-2911 (Metro Dispatch)

Residents are encouraged to sign up for Pittsfield Township alerts and department notices through “Notify Me”. Please go to [www.pittsfield-mi.gov](http://www.pittsfield-mi.gov)



**\*Alert to Pittsfield Township residents: the USPS Informed Delivery service has been sited in a series of news stories encouraging residents to learn about this program. After accessing their website I learned that you will be asked to verify who you are by providing your “cellular phone number” ( USPS states they will sell your cell number to a third party) you can opt out as I did and had the verification code mailed to me. R. Coleman, PSCC**

## Scammers using USPS ‘Informed Delivery’ service to assist in Identity Theft and Fraud

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By [privacyrights.org](http://privacyrights.org)

A little known service offered by the United States Postal Service (USPS) is helping criminals commit identity theft. USPS’s [Informed Delivery](#) service enables most residential postal customers to digitally preview their mail online on the morning of delivery.

Signing up for USPS’s Informed Delivery service requires providing your name, address and email. To validate your identity, you must answer four multiple-choice **knowledge-based authentication** (KBA) questions. Unfortunately, KBA is an unreliable method for authentication because the answers to many of these questions are available through data broker and social networking sites or from information leaked in data breaches. This provides an opportunity for criminals to [create an account in your name](#).

According to an internal [U.S. Secret Service Alert](#), Informed Delivery is being used by criminals “to identify and intercept mail, and to further their identity theft fraud schemes.” In addition to monitoring your mailbox for other important and valuable mail to steal, this means a thief could:

1. apply for a credit card in your name
2. have it sent to your home address
3. steal it before you are able to retrieve your mail by using Informed Delivery to find out when the credit card will be delivered to your home

### Here are some steps you can take to help prevent this from happening:

- either sign up for Informed Delivery so you can monitor your own mail or request that it be blocked by sending an email to [eSAFE@usps.gov](mailto:eSAFE@usps.gov) with your name, address, phone number and email address
- use a locked mailbox
- [freeze your credit reports](#) to prevent the opening of new credit accounts in your name.

**Pittsfield Twp. D.P.S. has joined the “Law Enforcement” notification system of Nextdoor. If your subdivision has created an account please sign up for the alerts / notices.**

