

Prosecutor's Auto Theft Unit



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Cases and Investigations

- ◆ Vehicle Theft
- ◆ Chop Shops
- ◆ Insurance Fraud
- ◆ Identity Theft
- ◆ Scrap Metal Theft
- ◆ Fleeing and Eluding



Automobile Theft Prevention Authority ("ATPA")

- ◆ 7-member Board of Directors, including law enforcement, insurers and consumers.
- ◆ Annual grants are awarded by the ATPA to law enforcement and non-profit community organizations. The purpose of these grants is to prevent and prosecute auto theft.
- ◆ The ATPA grants are funded by an annual \$1 assessment on each insured non-commercial passenger vehicle, plus interest earned by investment of the funds.

National v. Michigan Trends

MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS

The following table provides data indicating that from 1986 to 2006, Michigan thefts have declined 31% and national thefts have decreased almost 3%.

Year	State		Detroit		National	
	Thefts	% Change	Thefts	% Change	Thefts	% Change
1986	72,021		31,913		1,224,127	
1987	68,415	-5.0	29,811	-6.6	1,285,300	5.0
1988	67,211	-1.8	30,123	1.0	1,432,916	11.5
1989	65,297	-2.8	28,123	-6.6	1,564,800	9.2
1990	65,220	-0.1	30,376	8.0	1,635,907	4.5
1991	62,636	-4.0	28,740	-5.4	1,661,738	1.6
1992	58,037	-7.3	27,344	-4.9	1,610,834	-3.1
1993	56,670	-2.4	28,061	2.6	1,561,047	-3.1
1994	60,227	6.3	29,569	5.4	1,539,097	-1.4
1995	57,895	-3.9	29,273	-1.0	1,472,732	-4.3
1996	62,930	8.7	34,265	17.1	1,395,192	-5.3
1997	59,826	-4.9	33,439	-2.4	1,353,707	-3.0
1998	56,536	-5.5	28,651	-14.3	1,240,754	-8.3
1999	54,018	-4.5	26,607	-7.1	1,147,305	-7.5
2000	53,889	-0.2	25,892	-2.7	1,165,559	1.6
2001	52,310	-2.9	24,537	-5.2	1,226,457	5.2
2002	49,248	-5.9	23,857	-2.8	1,246,096	1.6
2003	53,307	8.2	25,356	6.3	1,260,471	1.2
2004	49,982	-6.2	24,573	-3.1	1,237,114	-1.9
2005	48,064	-3.8	21,439	-12.8	1,235,226	-0.2
2006	49,709	3.4	22,918	6.9	1,192,809	-3.4
% Change		-31.0		-28.2		-2.6

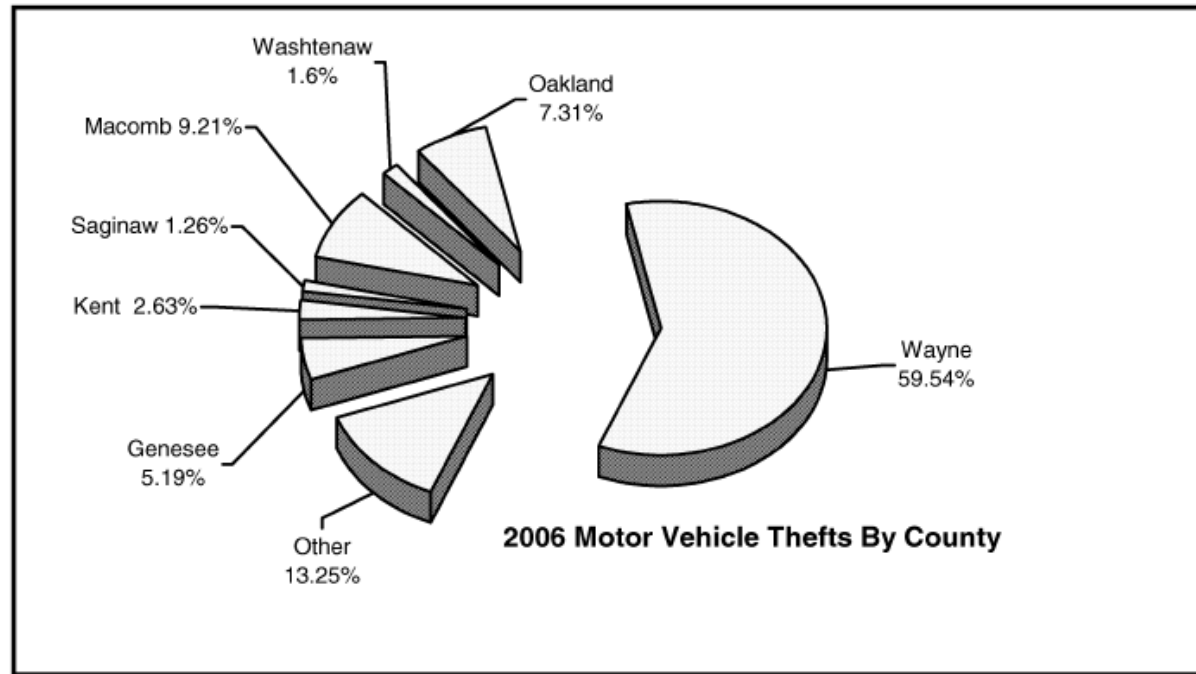
Return on Investment



During 2007 law enforcement grantees recovered \$5.66 for every \$1 the Auto Theft Prevention Authority invested.

Auto Theft By County

COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS





Prosecutor Funding

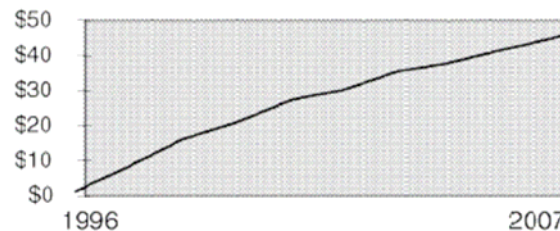
Prosecutors	Grant	Warrants Issued
Genesee County	\$110,993	227
Oakland County	\$222,150	298
Saginaw County	\$78,305	151
Macomb County	\$102,907	327
Wayne County	\$582,288	2,160
Attorney General	\$221,000	17
Totals	\$1,317,643	3,180

Insurance Savings

Insurance Fraud Savings

A review of ATPA funded law enforcement teams in the past 12 years found that those teams were involved in 6,900 fraud cases and \$47 million in claims denied/recoveries. Without the ATPA teams, these fraudulent claims would have been paid.

**Insurance Fraud Cases
Recovered 1996-2007 (\$million)**





Auto Theft Tips


AUTO THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

- Close the vehicle windows completely, lock the doors, and take the keys with you whenever you leave your vehicle.
- Never hide a second set of keys in your vehicle. Keep the spare key in your wallet or purse.
- Don't leave your vehicle running, even if you will be gone for less than a minute.
- If you have a garage, park your vehicle inside and lock both the garage and the vehicle.
- Put all your valuables in the trunk where thieves cannot see them.
- Park in a well-lighted area when it is dark, and park near the entrances of buildings.
- Park with the vehicle's front wheels turned sharply to the right or left, and set the emergency brake. That makes it very difficult to tow the vehicle.
- Have the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etched into the vehicle's glass.
- Park in attended lots.
- Never leave the registration, title, or insurance certificate in the vehicle. Carry the registration and certificate in your wallet or purse, and file the title safely at home.
- Drop your business cards or other identification inside the vehicle's doors, under the back seat, and behind the dash.
- Activate any anti-theft device that you have installed on the vehicle when unoccupied.



HEAT[®] Program Facts

- ◆ Started in 1985
- ◆ Funded 100% by the insurance industry
- ◆ Cooperative effort between law enforcement, insurance companies and the public
- ◆ Completely confidential
- ◆ Rewards available up to \$10,000



HEAT[®] Program Structure

- ◆ Created and funded by Michigan auto insurers
- ◆ State-wide program
- ◆ Tips go to a 24-hour hot line, then to Michigan State Police for distribution to local jurisdictions



HEAT[®] Targets

- ◆ Auto Theft
- ◆ Carjacking
- ◆ Auto Theft Rings
- ◆ Chop Shops
- ◆ Stolen Auto Parts Dealers
- ◆ Auto Theft-Related Insurance Fraud and Identity Theft



HEAT[®] Reward Structure

- ◆ Up to \$1,000 for arrest and prosecution of a suspected car thief or for auto related insurance fraud or identity theft
- ◆ \$2,000 for issuance of a warrant and arrest of a carjacking suspect
- ◆ Up to \$10,000 for arrest and binding over for trial of chop shop operators or members of a theft ring



How H.E.A.T. Works

- ◆ Report what you know, in as much detail as possible; BUT
- ◆ No need to be a detective – let the police and prosecutors do their work
- ◆ They make an arrest and file charges; you can walk away with a reward

HEAT[®] Program Statistics

1985-2008 (YTD)

- ◆ 7,836 calls
- ◆ 3,193 suspects arrested
- ◆ 3,980 vehicles recovered
- ◆ **\$ 3,339,615 paid for tips**
- ◆ **\$ 48,332,077 in stolen property recovered**





What Can You Do?

- ◆ Inform your neighbors and community leaders about the program
- ◆ Distribute HEAT cards and materials
- ◆ Include HEAT news and phone number in newsletters and link with our web site
- ◆ Share feedback with the program
- ◆ Call HEAT confidentially whenever you know about auto theft-related activities



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