# Muskegon PD



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| **Status** | Approved |
| **Report Type** | Patrol |
| **Primary Officer** | Daniel Dennis |
| **Investigator** | None |
| **Reported At** | 07/06/26 10:00 |
| **Incident Date** | 07/06/26 10:00 - 07/06/26 10:20 |
| **Incident Code** | FOLUP : FOLLOW UP |
| **Location** | MUSKEGON |
| **Zone** | City of Muskegon |
| **Beat** | 1D-DOWTOWN 111 |
| **Disposition** | Closed - Resolved |
| **Disposition Date/Time** | 07/06/26 14:09 |

**Disposition Comments**

information shared with Grand Rapids PD detectives

**Review for Gang Activity** None

**Asst Officers**

10871 - Merkins, Cody

**Offense Information**

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| **Offense** | CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE |
| **Statute** | 990402 |
| **NIBRS Code** | |
| **Counts** | 1 |
| **Include In NIBRS** | Yes |
| **Completed** | Yes |
| **Bias Motivation** | None (no bias) |
| **Location** | Other |
| **Entry Forced** | No |

## Original Narrative By Cody Merkins, 07/06/26 12:39

Date and Time:

July 6, 2026 @ approximately 1000 hours.

Information:

I received a voicemail regarding some information from Kirk Hallman (Executive Director Muskegon Museum of Art).

Contact: Kirk Hallman

Kirk stated he received some information from the Grand Rapids Museum of art that they had an individual case the museum on June 17. The same individual then came back and stole a painting on from the museum on July 2. The painting was of significant value. The images they received they were able to confirm the same subject came to The Muskegon Museum of Art on June 25 around 530pm. The subject was inside the museum from approximately 530pm to 616pm. The subject walked around and went into the loading dock and other areas only open to employees. Kirk spoke with the director at the Hackley Public Library. They believe the subject parks on 3rd St and walks around to the entrance on Clay Av of the Museum. After the subject leaves he heads back toward 3rd St. They do not actually see

him get into a vehicle but shortly after a white car with a gray section on the bottom leaves south on Webster Av. They do not see the subject again after the vehicle leaves. It is believed the vehicle was a white Lexus (year range 1992-1997).

It was also determined the same subject had stolen a painting at Western Michigan Universities Art Museum. At this time neither Grand Rapids nor Western Michigan know the name of the subject.

Kirk was able to provide me with photos of the subject and photos of the vehicle he believes the subject had gotten into.

Kirk advised at this time this is just for information. I advised to Kirk that I would attempt to stop in and be in the area in the near future. Kirk advised
. Kirk also advised his security staff is aware of the subject and if observed they will be calling the Police.

I advised to Kirk I would get the information he sent me into our evidence folder and make command aware of the incident.

Subject Description:

The day the subject was inside Muskegon Museum of Art he was a white male believed to be in his 20's to early 30's, wearing a gray striped t-shirt with a gray button up colored t-shirt, khaki colored pants and white and gray tennis shoes. The subject initially comes into the building without glasses on but while walking around he puts on reading style glasses. Photos of the subject and suspected vehicle driven are added to the evidence folder.

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Closed
Merkins #8

## Supplemental Narrative By Cody Merkins, 07/07/26 11:52

Date and Time:

July 7, 2026 @ approximately 1150 hours.

Information:

I received additional video from Kirk Hallman (Director of Muskegon Museum of Art). The video obtained was added to this evidence folder for this complaint.

The suspect arrives at the front/ main entrance of the Muskegon Museum of Art at 5:26:28 pm. This is a consistent time frame with someone parking near the Torrent house and walking directly to the Muskegon Museum of Art. The subject is inside the Art Museum for approximately 45 minutes. The suspect walks around the museum and enters employee only areas including the loading dock. The suspect is carrying a large TJ Maxx bag while walking through.

Vehicle Information:

1999 White Lexus ES300 bearing MI plate

The vehicle comes back registered

The registered owner was older than the suspect which was inside Muskegon Museum of Art.

Ofc. Dennis and I completed a social media investigation and obtained a possible suspect of Nikolai Augustine Stasiulewicz DOB: . His SOS information shows Mikolai's address is also listed at . Please see Ofc. Dennis supplement for more information regarding the social media investigation.

Nikolai also showed to have a 1998 Toyota Avalon bearing MI plate registered to him.

I spoke with Grand Rapids Detective Escamilla regarding the case they have in Grand Rapids regarding a stolen painting from the Grand Rapids Art Museum. Juan stated the subject from the video I obtained was the same subject involved in their case. He also advised the subject was carrying the same TJ Maxx bag he was carrying within the Muskegon Museum of Art the day the theft occurred in Grand Rapids. For additional information please see Grand Rapids Report #26-046167.

I provided Detective Escamilla my report number, the flock hit investigative summary, photo of the suspect vehicle and video/ photo of the suspect involved at the Muskegon Museum of Art.

It was also found Mikolai had one prior contact Based on information from the report. Mikolai was hitch hiking on the freeway attempting to get a ride to Canada. Mikolai stated he started in Grand Rapids accidentally made his way to west Michigan and was attempting to hitch hike to Canada. Later in the night Mikolai calls back and is brought to the Muskegon Rescue Mission.

No other contacts located for Mikolai in Muskegon County.

Once video is received from Hackley Public Library a supplement will be completed as well as the video will be added to the evidence folder.

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Merkins #8

## Supplemental Narrative By Daniel Dennis, 07/07/26 12:14

FOLLOW UP
296 W WEBSTER
07/07/2026

INFORMATION

I assisted with this investigation. It was determined that the vehicle that the subject arrived in was a white Lexus MI registration The plate came back to This is an area that is relatively close to GR Art Museum, Muskegon Art Museum, and Western Michigan University which are places that the subject stole from or was present at. Wojciech is older than the subject in the art museum video. Based on my experience it is reasonable to believe that a family member was driving the vehicle.

This information was forwarded to GR detective Escamilla with screenshots of the information I found online/through social media.

Screenshots were forwarded to command and added to the digital evidence folder.

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Dennis #34

## Supplemental Narrative By Cody Merkins, 07/10/26 10:19

Date and Time:

July 10, 2026 @ approximately 1000 hours.

Information:

I stopped in Hackley Public Library to obtain surveillance video regarding this incident.

Description of Video:

You observe the Lexus park on 3rd St near the Torrent House building. The subject (believed to be Nikolai Stsiulewicz) observed going into the library is observed coming from the Lexus. The subject walks east bound behind the Torrent House and then walks north bound toward W Webster Av. the subject then walks between the library and the Art Museum and walks toward the entrance of the Art Museum.

As the subject leaves the art museum he walks down the alley toward 3rd St. He then turns south bound on 3rd St and eventually walks up the stairs to the library. He attempts to get into the library but the library was closed that day. The subject hangs out at the top of the stairs for a few minutes. He appears to be on the phone. The subject then walks down the stairs and walks south the same way he came. He then walks toward the back of the Torrent house and gets back into the Lexus. He sits in the Lexus for a few minutes and then leaves the area down W Webster Av.

The surveillance video obtained from Hackley Library was added to the evidence folder for this complaint.

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Merkins #8