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Press Release

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**Man charged in St. Joseph Township home entries**

James Jonathon Dulaney, 36, of Benton Harbor has been charged with 1 felony Home Invasion case and 6 misdemeanor offenses related to his alleged entry into homes in St. Joseph Township over the last several weeks. All of the incidents occurred in the early morning hours between 12:00 am and 7:00 am.

The following events occurred in the neighborhoods of St. Joseph Township, just north and just south of Eaton Park.

Dulaney is charged with Home Invasion 1st Degree in an incident that occurred on August 23 where the resident awoke in bed to an intruder's touch. The intruder then fled.

In two incidents on August 26, he is charged with Illegal Entry for incidents where an intruder fled after residents discovered an intruder in their home. In another incident on August 26 a resident observed an intruder peeping in her window for which Dulaney is charged with Window Peeping.

He is also charged with Illegal Entry for three incidents on September 6 in the Fairplain area of St. Joseph Township, just north and just south of Napier Avenue. In two of those incidents the defendant fled after residents discovered an intruder. In another, while police were searching for the suspect with the help of a tracking dog, the defendant is alleged to have entered a closed garage and was then seen crawling out of a window. He was apprehended by police with the assistance of the Michigan State Police canine unit.

Home Invasion 1st Degree is a felony punishable by up to 20 years. Illegal Entry and Window Peeping are misdemeanors punishable by up to 90 days.

At Dulaney's arraignment today bond was set at \$10,000.00 cash or surety bond on the felony charge and \$500.00 cash bond on each misdemeanor. His pre-exam conference is set for September 15, 2017 and his preliminary examination hearing for September 21, both at 8:30 in Berrien County's St. Joseph court.

St. Joseph Township Police were assisted in these cases by the St. Joseph and Benton Harbor Departments of Public Safety, the Berrien County Sheriff's Department, Benton Township Police and the Michigan State Police.

The charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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