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Black family finds burnt cross on lawn

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A partially-burnt cross was found on an African-American family's lawn on Thursday, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office said Tuesday.

The homeowner discovered two pieces of wood, nailed together and burned near the bottom, lying near his home on the 7000 block of Cameo and called police the following day, according to Undersheriff Mike McCabe. A swath of grass about eight feet by three inches leading away from the cross was also charred.

Investigators reported finding a burnt receipt along the roadside roughly 50 feet away, too.

The homeowner has lived there for 10 years and never experienced something like this, McCabe said.

Possible charges include ethnic intimidation, a two-year felony, and willfully setting fire to woods, prairies or grounds, also a felony.
