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Car Dealership Employee Investigated For Odometer Fraud

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ROCHESTER, Mich. -- A local car dealership is under investigation for odometer fraud.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Auto Theft Unit was given information from an informant that Randall Hill, an employee of the Huntington Ford Dealership, located at 2890 S. Rochester Road, was installing odometer switches in newly leased vehicles.

Police said on Sept. 30, an undercover officer pretended to be purchasing a vehicle from Hill. During the transaction, Hill agreed to a two-year lease at 10,500 miles per year with a price of \$13,700 and in turn, he provided an odometer switch to allow the buyer to drive the vehicle without the actual mileage being recorded, police said.

Hill installed the switch and showed the officer how it worked, the police report stated.

During the investigation, officers found three additional vehicles with switches.

Sheriff Michael Bouchard said he does not believe the dealership was aware of Hill's actions.

Another employee, Michele Ehlert was also arraigned on odometer fraud charges.

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