Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases February 14 – February 20, 2024 Residents are reminded to remove any valuables from unoccupied vehicles and remember to lock your vehicle's doors. ***DO NOT LEAVE KEY FOBS IN VEHICLES! ***

24MN09302 - Warrant Arrest

On Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at approximately 10:05 a.m., Monique Thomas, a 29-year-old, unmarried, female resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who is employed as a salesperson, was stopped on Route 33 for a motor vehicle violation. Ms. Thomas was found to have a warrant issued for her arrest by the Cinnaminson Municipal Court in the amount of \$2,500.00. Ms. Thomas was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where she was processed and subsequently released on her own recognizance. Patrolman Kyle Williams was the arresting officer.

24MN09143 - Theft

On Monday, February 19, 2024, at approximately 1:20 a.m., employees of the Wawa, located at 146 Woodward Road in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor(s) stole approximately \$60.00 worth of gasoline from the business. Patrolman Everett McNulty handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN09081 - Theft

On Sunday, February 18, 2024, at approximately 4:42 p.m., employees of Home Goods, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that two unknown actors shoplifted merchandise valued at approximately \$789.96. Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN09075 - Harassment

On Sunday, February 18, 2024, at approximately 3:28 p.m., a 38-year-old Manalapan resident reported being harassed by an acquaintance. Patrolman Jean Marie Kaminski handled the report.

24MN09025 - Driving While Intoxicated

On Sunday, February 18, 2024, at approximately 1:41 a.m., Patrolman James Guarino conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 9 in Manalapan. The driver, identified as Maria A. Auriemma, a 65-year-old, married, unemployed, female resident of Manalapan, was found to be driving while intoxicated. Ms. Auriemma was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where she was processed and released after being issued summonses. Patrolman James Guarino was the arresting officer.

24MN08997 - Driving While Intoxicated

On Saturday, February 17, 2023, at approximately 6:36 p.m., Pierina A. Caruso, a 55-year-old, female resident of Freehold, occupation unknown, was found to be driving while intoxicated in the area of Wild Turkey Way in Manalapan. Ms. Caruso was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where she was processed and released after being issued summonses. Patrolman Abdoulaye Diagne was the arresting officer.

24MN08901 - Fraud

On Friday, February 16, 2024, at approximately 9:34 p.m., an 84-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) made approximately \$20,000.00 in fraudulent charges using the victim's credit card information. Patrolman Abdoulaye Diagne handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN08741 - Lewdness

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, at approximately 4:49 p.m., a 50-year-old Manalapan resident reported that a male actor committed an act of lewdness during a virtual telehealth appointment. Patrolman Abdoulaye Diagne handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN08717 - Theft

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 1:18 p.m., employees of Romeos Pizza, located at 130 Route 33 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor(s) unlawfully removed used cooking oil, valued at approximately \$1,200.00. Patrolman Jeffrey Emslie handled the report.

24MN08709 - Fraud

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, at approximately 11:48 a.m., a 79-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) fraudulently utilized their identity to obtain a loan in the amount of \$9,876.00. Patrolman Marshall Bitsko handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN08659 - Burglary to a Motor Vehicle

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, at approximately 5:50 a.m., a 58-year-old Manalapan resident and a 55-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) burglarized two motor vehicles that were parked in the parking lot of 285 Gordons Corner Road and unlawfully removed property valued at approximately \$500.00. Patrolman Peter Pagano handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN08620 - Warrant Arrest

On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at approximately 7:53 p.m., Nicholas Rossi, a 36-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Tinton Falls, who is employed as a mechanic, was stopped on Millhurst Road for a motor vehicle violation. Mr. Rossi was found to have warrants issued for his arrest by the Tinton Falls Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,500.00 and the Howell Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,000.00. Mr. Rossi was placed under arrest and transported to the Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently released on his own recognizance. Patrolman Hunter Mauro was the arresting officer.

24MN08504 – Manufacturing, Distributing, or Dispensing Marijuana Over 5 Pounds

On Tuesday, February 14, 2024, at approximately 12:54 a.m., Patrolman James Guarino conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 9 in Manalapan. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Bruce Alvarez, a 23-year-old, unmarried, unemployed, male resident of Brooklyn, New York, and the passenger, identified as Juan Pablo Martinez, a 23-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Ozone Park, New York, who is employed as a delivery driver, were found to be in possession of over 5 pounds of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and \$11,612.00 in cash. Mr. Alvarez and Mr. Martinez were placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where they were processed and subsequently transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution pending a future court date. Patrolman James Guarino was the arresting officer.