



**Manalapan Twp. Police: Press Release / Police Blotter**  
**NOVEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**19MN29902- Warrant Arrest**

On Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 4:12pm, patrols responded to the Middlesex County Jail and took custody of Javier Villanueva, a 24-year-old male, unmarried, unemployed and resident Woodbridge, NJ. Mr. Villanueva had a warrant that was issued for his arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,009.00. Mr. Villanueva was processed and transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in default of bail. Patrolman John Lightbody was the arresting officer.

**19MN29853- Warrant Arrest**

On Monday, December 9, 2019, at 10:52pm, patrols responded to the Keyport Police Department and took custody of Randy K. Wagner, a 41-year-old male, single, unemployed and resident of Highlands Borough, NJ. Mr. Wagner had a warrant that was issued for his arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,500.00. Mr. Wagner was processed and transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in default of bail. Patrolman Peter Bylsma was the arresting officer.

**19MN29833 – Vehicle Theft**

On Monday, December 9, 2019 at 4:12pm, patrols responded to a residence located on Ryan Road in reference to a report of Theft. The victim, a 50-year-old Manalapan, NJ resident advised that she sold a vehicle to a subject who subsequently wished to return the vehicle in exchange for another vehicle but failed to comply with the preset arrangements. Patrolman Bylsma handled the report.

**19MN29753- Theft**

On Sunday, December 8, 2019 at approximately 4:54pm, the victim, a 70-year-old Manalapan, NJ resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported an incident of Theft. The victim advised that an unknown actor took several of her prescription medications. Patrolman James Guarino handled the report.

**19MN29722- Fraud**

On Sunday, December 8, 2019, at approximately 10:00am, patrols responded to a residence located on Manor Court in reference to a report of Fraud. The victim, a 39-year-old, Manalapan, NJ resident advised that on December 6, 2019 an unknown actor(s) used the victim's checking account to pay off an outstanding credit card balance and utilized the credit card to make several fraudulent purchases. Patrolman Aaron Abeles handled the report.

**19MN29670 – Residential Burglary/Theft**

On Saturday, December 7, 2019, at approximately 8:15pm, patrols responded to a residence on Saxon Court in reference to a report of a residential Burglary. The victim, a 41-year-old, Marlboro, NJ resident advised that sometime between August and December 6, 2019, several items went missing from her residence. Patrolman Charles Mazzatto handled the report.

**19MN229668 – Theft**

On Saturday, December 7, 2019, at approximately 7:00pm, patrols responded to a business located on State Highway 9 in Manalapan in reference to a report of Theft. An employee of the business advised that a subject removed various items from the business without paying. The subject was later identified as a 38-year-old female resident of Brooklyn, NY. Patrolman James Guarino handled the report.

**19MN29665 – Warrant Arrest**

On Saturday, December 7, 2019, at approximately 3:50pm, Merissa Abbate, a 44-year-old female, married, employed as a vet tech and resident of Manalapan, NJ, turned herself in at Manalapan Police Headquarters regarding a warrant that was issued for her arrest by the Neptune Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$500.00. Ms. Abbate was processed and released after posting bail. Patrolman James Guarino handled the arrest.

**19MN29555 – Fraud**

On Friday, December 6, 2019, at approximately 11:17am, patrols responded to a department store located on State Highway 9 in reference to a report of Fraud. The victim, a 70-year-old Marlboro, NJ resident advised that she sent department store gift cards to an unknown subject pretending to be a U.S. Marshall investigating the fraudulent use of her social security number. Patrolman Peter Bylsma handled the report.

**19MN29477 – Fraud / Theft**

On Thursday, December 5, 2019, at 11:33am, the victim, a 66-year-old, Manalapan, NJ resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported an incident of Fraud. The victim advised that he sent cash to an unknown subject who was contracted to do computer work, the subject never completed service to his personal computer. Patrolman Kevin Ruditsky handled the report.

### **19MN29403 - Fraud/Theft by Deception**

On Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 10:33am, patrols responded to a bank located on State Highway 9 for a report of a fraudulent transaction. Bank staff advised that on December 3, 2019 at approximately 1:00pm, a subject made a cash transaction which resulted in defrauding the bank of \$160.00. The subject was described as an Indian male, in his mid to late sixties, bald and wearing glasses. Patrolman Anthony Cascella handled the initial report.

### **Incident 19MN29367 – DWI**

On Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at approximately 6:34pm, Patrolman Douglas Zike conducted a motor vehicle stop on Woodward Road for a motor vehicle violation. The driver, Stephen Michael, a 65-year-old male, married, employed as an engineer and resident of Manalapan NJ, was found to be driving while intoxicated. Mr. Michael was arrested and transported to Manalapan Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after being served with several summonses. Patrolman Douglas Zike was the arresting officer.

### **Incident 19MN29294 – DWI, Resisting Arrest**

On Monday, December 2, 2019, at approximately 10:32pm, patrols responded to the area of Sweetmans Lane and Kinney Road for a single car motor vehicle crash. Further investigation revealed that the driver, Roemello A. Willis, a 23-year-old male, single, unemployed and resident of Rahway, NJ, was found to be driving while intoxicated. Mr. Willis resisted patrols while being placed under arrest and was subsequently transported to Manalapan Police Headquarters without further incident. Mr. Willis was processed, served with several summonses and transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution where he was lodged pending his court appearance. Patrolman Peter Bylsma was the arresting officer.

### **Incident 19MN29288– Shoplifting**

On Monday, December 2, 2019 at 2:59pm, patrols responded to a store located on State Highway 9 in reference to a report of Theft. An employee of the business advised that a white male, approximately 6'1" with a thin build, wearing a camouflage hat, tight jeans and a red hooded sweatshirt removed a guitar from the wall and ran out of the store with it. The subject fled the area in a black Acura travelling north on State Highway 9. Patrolman Anthony Cascella handled the initial report.

### **Incident 19MN29287 – Fraud**

On Monday, December 2, 2019, at approximately 2:52pm, the victim, a 66-year-old Manalapan, NJ resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported an incident of Fraud. The victim advised that an unknown subject(s) made fraudulent transactions using a credit card that had been opened in the victim's name. Patrolman Bart Mattaliano handled the report.

**19MN29286 Warrant Arrest**

On Monday December 2, 2019 at approximately 2:40pm, Cecile Anderson, a 59-year-old female, divorced, unemployed, resident of Columbus, NJ turned herself in at Manalapan Township Police Headquarters regarding a warrant that was issued for her arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1000.00. Mrs. Anderson was processed and released after posting bail. Patrolman Aaron Abeles was the arresting officer.

**Incident 19MN29272 – Warrant Arrest**

On Monday, December 2, 2019 at approximately 12:30pm, patrols responded to the Mercer County Correctional Institution and took custody of Brian Sharpe, a 27-year-old male, single, employed as an iron worker, and resident of Ewing, NJ. Mr. Sharpe had a warrant issued for his arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,500.00. Mr. Sharpe was transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in default of bail. Patrolman Ross Dessel was the arresting officer.

**Incident 19MN29221-Theft**

On Sunday, December 1, 2019 at approximately 11:00am, patrols responded to a residence located on Vicksburg Place in reference to a report of Theft. The victim, a 55-year-old Manalapan, NJ resident, advised that on November 30, 2019, a package was delivered to her residence but she never received it. Patrolman Anthony Cascella handled the report.

**Incident 19MN29207 – Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)**

On Sunday, December 1, 2019, at approximately 12:56am, patrols responded to the area of Tennent Road and Kelton Place for a single car motor vehicle crash. Further investigation revealed that the driver, Michael Palmer, a 46-year-old male, married, employed, and resident of Manalapan, NJ was charged with driving while intoxicated. Mr. Palmer was arrested and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after being served with several summonses. Patrolman Jared Coupland handled the arrest.

**Incident 19MN29222 – Fraud / Identity Theft**

On December 2, 2019, at approximately 10:41am, the victim, a 20-year-old, Manalapan, NJ resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported an incident of Fraud. The victim advised that an immediate family member utilized his social security number and other personal information to make unauthorized purchases. Patrolman Christopher Oleksy handled the report.

**Incident 19MN29195- Hit and Run Collision**

On Saturday, November 30, 2019 at approximately 11:30pm, patrols responded to a residence on Atrium Way in reference to a hit and run motor vehicle crash. The victim, a 28-year-old Manalapan, NJ resident advised that his vehicle was parked on Atrium Way and was struck by another vehicle. Further investigation revealed that sometime after 4:30pm an unknown motor vehicle collided into the victim's vehicle causing significant damage. Patrolman Kyle Williams handled this incident.

**Incident 19MN29179 – Fraud**

On Saturday, November 30, 2019, at approximately 8:32pm, the victim, a 46-year-old Manalapan, NJ resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported an incident of Fraud. The victim advised that an unknown subject made fraudulent transactions with the victim's credit card. Patrolman Ryan Brady handled the incident.

**Incident 19MN29177 – Fraud/Extortion**

On Saturday, November 30, 2019, at approximately 7:11pm, the victim, a 26-year-old Manalapan, NJ resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported an incident of Fraud/Extortion. The victim advised that an unknown subject is in possession of personal videos and pictures of the victim from an online dating application, and is threatening to post the videos and pictures on the internet unless there is an exchange for money. The incident was handled by Patrolman James Guarino.

**Incident 19MN29098 – Fraud**

On Friday, November 29, 2019 at approximately 12:00pm, the victim, a 25-year-old Manalapan, NJ resident responded to Manalapan Police Headquarters and reported an incident of Fraud. The victim advised that an unknown subject opened two fraudulent credit cards in the victim's name and made fraudulent charges on the credit cards. Patrolman Jared Coupland handled the report.

**Incident 19MN29034 – Fraud**

On Friday, November 28, 2019, at 10:50am, the victim, a 57-year-old Manalapan, NJ resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported an incident of Fraud. The victim advised that on November 27, 2019, an unknown actor(s) cancelled his cellular phone service with his current carrier and opened a new account with another cellular phone carrier later that day using his personal information. The report was handled by Patrolman Charles Alaimo.

**Incident 19MN29019 – Commercial Burglary**

On Thursday, November 28, 2019, at approximately 3:20am, patrols responded to a food vending store on State Highway 9 in reference to a report of a Burglary. An employee, a 42-year-old, Freehold Boro, NJ resident advised he observed an unknown subject, enter the store by smashing the front glass door. Once inside,

the subject broke into two cash registers and removed an unknown amount of cash before fleeing the scene on foot towards State Highway 9. The subject was described as a black male, wearing a ski mask with a light colored tie-dyed shirt over a black hoodie, gloves, black pants and sneakers.

Ptl. Kyle Earley handled the report, Manalapan Detectives responded and this incident remains under investigation.

#### **Incident 19MN29001 – Simple Assault**

On Wednesday, November 27, 2019, at approximately 11:55pm, patrols responded to a restaurant establishment located on Gordon's Corner Road, Manalapan, NJ, in reference to a report of an Assault. The victim, a 25-year-old Farmingdale, NJ resident advised she was struck in the head by an unknown male subject. No injuries were reported as a result of the incident. Ptl. Kyle Earley handled the report.

#### **Incident 19MN28947-Warrant Arrest**

On Wednesday, November 27, 2019, at approximately 1:20pm, patrols responded to the New Jersey State Police Hamilton barracks and took custody of Mark Larry, a 57-year-old, male, employed as a cleaner and resident of Hamilton, NJ. Mr. Larry had a warrant issued for his arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,000.00. Mr. Larry was processed and transported to Monmouth County Correctional Institution in default of bail. Patrolman Reginald Grant was the arresting officer.