

**Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases
August 2 – August 8, 2023**

**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! **

Incident 23MN29068 – Fraud / Theft

On Monday, August 7, 2023, at approximately 5:23 p.m., a 73-year-old Newark resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being defrauded in the amount of \$30,000.00 via Bitcoin by unknown actors. Patrolman Edward Burns handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 23MN29064 – Fraud

On Monday, August 7, 2023, at approximately 4:50 p.m., a 53-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) unlawfully accessed their social media account and attempted to defraud others. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro handled the report.

Incident 23MN29063 – Terroristic Threats

On Monday, August 7, 2023 at approximately 4:46 p.m., a 52-year-old Manalapan resident and a 53-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being threatened via texts message by an unknown actor. Patrolman Connor Kelly handled the report.

Incident 23MN29045 – Shoplifting

On Monday, August 7, 2023, at approximately 2:27 p.m., employees of Best Buy, located at 15 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported unknown actors shoplifted merchandise valued at \$5,250.00. Patrolman Anthony Cascella handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 23MN29008 – Fraud

On Monday, August 7, 2023, at approximately 9:55 a.m., an employee of the Wawa convenience store, located at 345 Union Hill Road in Manalapan, reported an unknown actor(s) utilized three counterfeit \$100.00 bills while making purchases. Patrolman James Joiner handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 23MN29035 – Fraud

On Monday, August 7, 2023, at approximately 12:34 p.m., a 53-year-old Manalapan resident reported an unknown actor(s) fraudulently utilized their credit card to complete a \$1,727.72 transaction. Patrolman Joseph DeFilippis handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 23MN28980 – Assault

On Sunday, August 6, 2023, at approximately 9:14 p.m., a 53-year-old Manalapan resident reported that he and a 53-year-old New York resident were engaged in a physical altercation on Debracy Court in Manalapan. Minor injuries were reported as a result of this incident. Patrolman William Dutton handled the report.

Incident 23MN28962 – Property Damage

On Sunday, August 6, 2023, at approximately 3:56 p.m., a 57-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) caused approximately \$1,500.00 worth of damage to a vehicle while on Sofia Drive in Manalapan. Patrolman Justin Barbuto handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 23MN28928 – Shoplifting

On Sunday, August 6, 2023, at approximately 10:37 a.m., employees of Best Buy, located at 15 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported an unknown actor shoplifted merchandise valued at \$799.99. Patrolman Thomas Butz handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 23MN28789 – Fraud

On Saturday, August 5, 2023, at approximately 11:40 a.m., a 43-year old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters reported that a license plate that was returned to a dealership is now being fraudulently used on other unknown vehicles. Patrolman Thomas Butz took the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 23MN28723 – Terroristic Threats

On Friday, August 4, 2023, at approximately 9:44 p.m., a 21-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being threatened via text message by an unknown actor. Patrolman Justin Barbuto handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 23MN28721 – Burglary / Theft

On Friday, August 4, 2023, at approximately 9:02 p.m., an employee of the Enrite Gas Station, located at 140 Route 33 in Manalapan, responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor entered the gas station's cashier booth and removed numerous credit cards. Patrolman Abdoulaye Diagne handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 23MN28717 – Fraud

On Friday, August 4, 2023, at approximately 7:45 p.m., a 67-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor attempted to cash checks in the amount of \$4,400.00 at banks located in Freehold Township and Freehold Borough. Patrolman Abdoulaye Diagne took the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 23MN28711 – Shoplifting

On Friday, August 4, 2023, at approximately 6:02 p.m., employees of the Wegmans Supermarket, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that Cristofer Castillo, a 20-year-old, unmarried, unemployed, male, resident of Freehold Borough, had shoplifted \$335.15 worth of items. Mr. Cristofer was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after being issued a summons. Patrolman Connor Kelly was the arresting officer.

Incident 23MN28709 – Theft

On Friday, August 4, 2023, at approximately 5:57 p.m., a 24-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported unknown actor(s) unlawfully removed \$4,860.00 cash from a Tarrytown Road residence. Patrolman Justin Barbuto handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 23MN28662 – Harassment

On Friday, August 4, 2023, at approximately 9:36 a.m., a 22-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being harassed by an unknown actor. Patrolman Thomas Butz handled the report.

Incident 23MN28576 – Shoplifting

On Thursday, August 3, 2023, at approximately 2:28 p.m., employees of the Wegmans Supermarket, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that Anna Gerashenko, a 39-year-old, married, unemployed, female resident of Marlboro, had shoplifted \$518.82 worth of items and Krystyna Komeliagina, a 36-year-old, unmarried, self-employed, female resident of Marlboro, had shoplifted \$308.79 worth of items. Ms. Gerashenko and Ms. Komeliagina were placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where they were processed and released after being issued summons. Patrolman William Dutton was the arresting officer.