

**Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases**

**August 30 – September 5, 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! \*\*\***

**23MN32753 – Warrant Arrest**

On Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Patrolman Matthew Parke took custody of Jamaal Covin, a 32-year-old, married, male resident of Long Branch, who is employed as a transporter, who was arrested by the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office regarding a warrant that was issued for his arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,000.00. Mr. Covin was subsequently transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution pending a future court date.

**23MN32745 – Warrant Arrest**

On Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro conducted a motor vehicle stop in the area of Tennent Avenue in Englishtown. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Anthony Rojasnieves, a 23-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Toms River, who is employed as a salesman, was found to have a warrant issued for his arrest by the Freehold Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,000.00. Mr. Rojasnieves was placed under arrest and transported to the Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently turned over to the Freehold Township Police Department. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro was the arresting officer.

**23MN32682 – Theft of Services**

On Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at approximately 10:37 a.m., a 71-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported paying approximately \$70,000.00 for renovations to a residence. The business failed to fulfill the terms set forth in the agreed upon contract. Patrolman Abdoulaye Diagne handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN32561 – Commercial Burglary**

On Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at approximately 5:28 a.m., patrols responded to the 76 Gas Station and Convenience Store, located at 46 Route 9 in Manalapan, for a burglary alarm activation. The front glass door to the business was found to be shattered. The suspect, described as wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and wearing gloves, is reported to have stolen an unknown amount of cash and cigarettes. Patrolman Everett McNulty handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN32392 – Fraud**

On Saturday, September 2, 2023, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a 75-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) fraudulently utilized their debit card to make numerous Amazon purchases. There was no monetary loss reported as a result of this incident. Patrol Officer Matthew Schwartz handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN32384 – Fraud**

On Saturday, September 2, 2023, at approximately 1:14 p.m., a 38-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) attempted to cash a fraudulent check using the victim's driver's license. Patrolman Christopher Oleksy handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN32328 – Theft of Motor Vehicle**

On Friday, September 1, 2023, at approximately 7:20 p.m., a 52-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor stole a vehicle, described as a silver 2014 Mercedes Benz C30 (value unknown), that was listed for sale on Facebook. The victim met with that actor, who was inquiring about purchasing the vehicle. The victim allowed the suspect to take temporary possession of the vehicle to have it inspected by a mechanic. The individual ultimately never returned the vehicle. Patrolman Peter Pagano handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN32327 – Shoplifting**

On Friday, Saturday 1, 2023, at approximately 7:10 p.m., employees of the Target Department Store, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that a female suspect was observed leaving the store without rendering payment merchandise, valued at approximately \$250.00. Patrolman Thomas Butz handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN32292 – Identity Theft**

On Friday, September 1, 2023, at approximately 2:48 p.m., a 27-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) utilized their personal information fraudulently to alter information on a driver's license. Patrolman Joseph DeFilippis handled the report.

### **23MN32276 – Identity Theft**

On Friday, September 1, 2023, at approximately 11:45 a.m., a 71-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) utilized their personal information fraudulently in an attempt to obtain a loan. Patrolman Joseph DeFilippis handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN32274 – Fraud**

On Friday, September 1, 2023, at approximately 11:41 a.m., a 59-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) fraudulently utilized their credit card to make numerous purchases on social media in the amount of \$24,921.76. Patrol Officer Valerie Vacchiano handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN32271 – Shoplifting**

On Friday, September 1, 2023, at approximately 12:11 p.m., an asset protection employee from Best Buy, located at 15 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that on two different dates, 7/20/23 and 8/29/23, an unknown actor removed \$2,659.88 worth of merchandise. Patrolman James Joiner handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN32265 – Fraud**

On Friday, August 25, 2023, at approximately 10:00 a.m., a 44-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor attempted to make purchases after gaining access to a Walmart account. Patrolman Christopher Oleksy handled the report.