

**Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases
January 18 – January 24, 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! **

23MN02616 – Harassment

On Wednesday, January 24, 2023, at approximately 12:00 a.m., a 20-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being harassed by an unknown actor(s) via social media. Patrolman Everett McNulty handled the report.

23MN02614 – Shoplifting

On Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at approximately 7:46 p.m., employees of Best Buy, located at 15 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that 4 unknown actors exited the store with merchandise of an undetermined value without rendering payment. Patrolman Matthew Porricelli handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

23MN02584 – Warrant Arrest

On Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at approximately 2:03 p.m., Patrolman Kyle Williams conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 9 for a motor vehicle violation. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Lauren Saldana, a 36-year-old, unmarried, female resident of Tinton Falls, NJ, who is employed as a cashier, was found to have a warrant issued for her arrest by the Colts Neck Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,000.00. Ms. Saldana was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where she was processed and subsequently released pending a new court date. Patrolman Kyle Williams was the arresting officer.

23MN02570 – Assault

On Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at approximately 11:30 a.m., a 42-year-old Neptune resident reported being involved in a physical altercation at a Wilson Avenue business with a 31-year-old Manalapan resident, resulting in minor injuries. Patrolman Mantas Stanionis handled the report, which is pending the signing of complaints.

23MN02499 – Theft

On Monday, January 23, 2023, at approximately 3:18 p.m., an 81-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) removed a purse, valued at approximately \$450.00, from an unlocked vehicle that was parked in the U.S. Post Office parking lot, located on Taylor Mills Rd. Patrolman Hunter Mauro handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

23MN02489 – Fraud

On Monday, January 23, 2023, at approximately 1:16 p.m., an 85-year-old Manalapan resident reported of being defrauded in the amount of \$2,250.00 as a result of a social media lottery scam. Patrolman Mantas Stanionis handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

23MN02427 – Fraud

On Sunday, January 22, 2023, at approximately 2:29 p.m., a 64-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) posing as a social media customer service representative gained access to the victim's mobile devices. No monetary loss was reported as a result of this incident. Patrolman Pagano handled the report.

23MN02342 – Warrant Arrest

On Saturday, January 21, 2023, at approximately 5:44 p.m., Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 9 in Manalapan for a motor vehicle violation. The driver of the vehicle, identified as John R. Block Jr., a 30-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Long Branch, who is employed as a delivery driver, was found to have a warrant issued for his arrest by the Cherry Hill Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,003.00. Mr. Block was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently released, pending a future court date. Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo was the arresting officer.

23MN02251 – Theft

On Friday, January 20, 2023, at approximately 7:15 p.m., employees of Best Buy, located at 15 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor removed merchandise from the store valued at approximately \$2,500.00 without rendering payment. Patrolmen Matthew Meyler and Valerie Vacchiano handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

23MN02218 – Fraud

On Friday, January 20, 2023, at approximately 3:15 p.m., a 40-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being defrauded in the amount of \$5,400.00, which was withdrawn from a bank account. Patrolmen Matthew Meyler and Valerie Vacchiano handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

23MN02197 – Warrant Arrest

On Friday, January 20, 2023, at approximately 10:55 a.m., Mario Murga-Cardoso, a 32-year-old, married, male resident of North Bergen, New Jersey, who is self-employed, turned himself in at Manalapan Township Police Headquarters regarding a warrant that was issued for his arrest by the Piscataway Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$550.00. Mr. Murga-Cardoso was processed and released, pending a new court date. Patrolman Kevin Ruditsky handled the arrest.