

**Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases  
June 21 – June 27, 2023**

**Residents are reminded to remove any valuables from unoccupied vehicles and remember to lock your vehicle's doors.**

**\*\*\*DO NOT LEAVE KEYS IN VEHICLES! \*\*\***

**23MN23946 – Theft**

On Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at approximately 9:15 p.m., employees of the Target Department Store, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported an unknown actor stole merchandise valued at \$702.95. Patrolman Justin Barbuto handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

**23MN23909 – Theft**

On Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at approximately 4:05 p.m., a 47-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor removed items valued at \$199.99 from the packaging of an online order. Patrolman Peter Pagano took the report.

**23MN23897 – Theft**

On Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at approximately 2:31 p.m., an 80-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) stole a wallet from a purse at the Wegmans Supermarket, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan sometime between 9:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. The wallet contained \$250.00 cash, credits cards, and a New Jersey driver's license. Patrolman Christopher Makwinski handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

**23MN23893 – Fraud**

On Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at approximately 2:17 p.m., a 66-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being defrauded in the amount of \$800,000.00 via an online dating scam. Patrolman Jeffrey Emslie handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN23805 – Warrant Arrest**

On Monday, June 26, 2023, at approximately 9:01 p.m., Patrolman Justin Barbuto responded to the Keyport Police Department and took custody of Michael Coppa III, a 56-year-old, unemployed, widowed, male resident of Staten Island, New York, who had been arrested regarding a warrant that was issued for his arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,500.00. Mr. Coppa was subsequently transported to Monmouth County Correctional Institution in lieu of bail. Patrolman Justin Barbuto was the arresting officer.

### **23MN23783 – Fraud**

On Monday, June 26, 2023, at approximately 3:53 p.m., a 59-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor attempted to fraudulently open multiple credit cards and changed personal account information. No monetary loss was reported as a result of this incident. Patrolman John Lightbody handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN23643 – Criminal Mischief**

On Sunday, June 25, 2023, at approximately 12:10 p.m., a 60-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor threw debris at an Atrium Way residence. No damage was reported as a result of this incident. Patrolman William Dutton handled the report.

### **23MN23639 – Warrant Arrest**

On Sunday, June 25, 2023, at approximately 11:28 a.m., Patrolman Sean McCarthy responded to the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department and took custody of Brittany Rodriguez, a 34-year-old, unmarried, unemployed, female resident of Freehold Township, regarding warrant that was issued for her arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,500.00. Ms. Rodriguez was subsequently transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in lieu of bail.

### **23MN23614 – Theft**

On Sunday, June 25, 2023 at approximately 6:14 a.m., a 23-year-old Freehold resident reported that an unknown actor had stolen air pods, valued at approximately \$250.00, while at the Quick Chek convenience store, located at 270 Monmouth Road in Manalapan. Patrolman Brian Schank handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN234 – Terroristic Threats**

On Friday, June 23, 2023 at approximately 1:50 p.m., a 66-year-old Manalapan resident reported being threatened by a Montague, NJ resident over the telephone. This incident is pending the signing of complaints. Patrolman William Dutton handled report.

### **23MN23434 – Criminal Attempt (Burglary)**

On Friday, June 23, 2023 at approximately 4:00 pm, a 38-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor, who was wearing a medical mask, attempted to burglarize a vehicle at a Pease Road residence. The vehicle was locked, and no items were reported missing as a result if this incident. Patrolman Christopher Makwinski took the report.

### **23MN23432 – Terroristic Threats**

On Friday, June 23, 2023, at approximately 3:45 p.m., employees of the Wegmans Supermarket, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor threatened an employee in the parking lot. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro handled the report.

### **23MN23427 – Fraud**

On Friday, June 23, 2023, at approximately 2:50 p.m., a 27-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) defrauded the victim in the amount of \$2,300.00, utilizing an online banking application. Patrol Officer Jean Letts handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN23411 – Theft**

On Friday, June 23, 2023, at approximately 11:23 a.m., a 29-year-old Brick Township resident reported that an unknown actor removed landscaping equipment, valued at approximately \$700.00, from a Freehold Road residence. Patrolman William Dutton took the report.

### **23MN23343 – Unlawful Possession of a Weapon**

On Thursday, June 22, 2023, at approximately 8:37 p.m., Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 9 for motor vehicle violations. The driver, identified as Walter Washington Jr., a 34-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Camden, South Carolina, (occupation unknown) was found to be unlawfully in possession of a handgun. Mr. Washington was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters. Mr. Washington was processed and subsequently turned over to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution.

### **23MN23290 – Burglary to Motor Vehicle / Theft**

On Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 11:28 a.m., a 42-year-old Manalapan resident reported that unknown actor(s) unlawfully entered an unlocked vehicle while it was parked at a Monticello Court residence and removed various items, valued at approximately \$2,535.00. The burglary was reported to have occurred between 11:00 p.m. on June 21, 2023 and 6:00 a.m. on June 22, 2023. Patrol Officer Valerie Vacchiano handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN23261 – Theft of a Motor Vehicle / Burglary**

On Thursday, June 22, 2023, at approximately 6:08 a.m., a 46-year-old and a 19-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) made entry into an unlocked vehicle that was parked in the driveway of a Timber Lane residence and removed property valued at approximately \$1,850.00. The actor subsequently entered and stole a second vehicle, valued at approximately \$52,000.00. Patrolman Everett McNulty handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **23MN23180 – Harassment**

On Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at approximately 3:50 p.m., a 38-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being harassed by a 40-year-old Manalapan resident via social media. Patrolman Christopher Schou handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

## **23MN23121 – Warrant Arrest**

On Sunday, June 21, 2023, at approximately 2:45 a.m., Patrolman Everett McNulty responded to Old Bridge Police Department and took custody of Charles Bowler, a 40-year-old, unmarried, male resident of East Orange, who is employed as a forklift operator, who was arrested regarding a warrant issued for his arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$3,500.00. Mr. Bowler was subsequently transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in lieu of bail.