

**Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases
April 10 – April 16, 2024**

**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! **

24MN16891 – Warrant Arrest

On Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at approximately 4:31 p.m., Armando Discostanzo, an 86-year-old, married, retired, male resident of Manalapan, was stopped on Route 33 for a motor vehicle violation. Mr. Dicostanzo was found to have a warrant issued for his arrest by the Freehold Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$2,500.00. Mr. Dicostanzo was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after posting bail. Patrolman Joseph Santomarcio was the arresting officer.

24MN16863 – Theft

On Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at approximately 12:18 p.m., a 44-year-old Brooklyn, New York resident reported that an unknown actor(s) stole a pet African spurred tortoise, valued at approximately \$1,500.00, from the backyard of a Ronald Court residence. Patrolman Aaron Abeles handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN16743 – Fraud

On Monday, April 15, 2024, at approximately 4:53 p.m., a 25-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) filed a tax return using the victim's personal information. No monetary loss was reported as a result of this incident. Patrol Officer Hope Barina handled the report.

24MN16735 – Motor Vehicle Theft

On Monday, April 15, 2024, at approximately 3:22 p.m., a 30-year-old South River resident reported that an unknown actor(s) stole a motor vehicle, valued at approximately \$2,000.00, from the driveway of a McCaffery Road residence. Patrolman Joseph Santomarcio Jr. handled the report.

24MN16733 – Theft

On Monday, April 15, 2024, at approximately 2:37 p.m., a 62-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) is unlawfully utilizing their vehicle's temporary license plate that was previously returned to a car dealership. Patrolman James Joiner handled the report.

24MN16732 – Driving While Intoxicated

On Monday, April 15, 2024, at approximately 2:24 p.m., Damar Bivins, a 32-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Brick, who is employed as a delivery driver, was found to be driving while intoxicated following a motor vehicle crash on Freehold Road in Manalapan. Mr. Bivins was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after being issued summonses. Patrolman Marshall Bitsko handled the arrest.

24MN16717 – Harassment

On Monday, April 15, 2024, at approximately 2:04 p.m., a 39-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being harassed by a former employee. Patrolman Matthew Parke handled the report.

24MN16669 – Criminal Attempt (Burglary)

On Monday, April 15, 2024, at approximately 3:28 a.m., a 49-year-old Manalapan resident reported that three actors unsuccessfully attempted to gain entry to a Kerwin Court residence. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN16406 – Theft

On Friday, April 12, 2024, at approximately 4:41 p.m., a 52-year-old Monroe resident reported that an unknown actor(s) stole a Jet Ski and other property, valued at approximately \$15,500.00, from the exterior of a Blenheim Road residence. Patrolman Vincent Rubino handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN16397 – Warrant Arrest

On Friday, April 12, 2024, at approximately 2:05 p.m., Patrol Officer Hope Barina responded to the Wayne Police Department and took custody of James Cole III, a 54-year-old, unmarried, unemployed, male resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, regarding a warrant that was issued for his arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,000.00. Mr. Cole was processed and subsequently transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in lieu of bail.

24MN16372 – Fraud

On Friday, April 12, 2024, at approximately 10:31 a.m., a 49-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being defrauded by a business partner in the amount of \$225,000.00. Patrolman Anthony Cascella handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN16364 – Shoplifting

On Friday, April 12, 2024, at approximately 8:36 a.m., employees of Best Buy, located at 15 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor(s) shoplifted items valued at \$999.96. Patrolman Christopher Oleksy handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN16272 – Structure Fire

On Thursday, April 11, 2024, at approximately 2:51 p.m., Patrolman Matthew Schwartz responded to a Beachwood Drive residence for a structure fire. The Manalapan Township Fire Department, Englishtown Fire Department, Freehold Township Fire Department, and the Monmouth County Fire Marshall responded to the scene. The fire appeared to be accidental in nature. Patrolman Matthew Schwartz handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN16169 – Fraud

On Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at approximately 7:37 p.m., an employee of Moms Golden Griddle restaurant, located at 340 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor used a counterfeit \$100.00 bill to purchase food. Patrolman Joseph Santomarcio Jr. handled the report.

24MN16144 – Warrant Arrest

On Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at approximately 5:25 p.m., Alexis Parrish, a 34-year-old, unmarried, female resident of Hightstown, who is employed as a receptionist, was stopped on Route 33 for a motor vehicle violation. Ms. Parrish was found to have a warrant issued for her arrest by Manville Borough Municipal Court in the amount of \$550.00. Mrs. Parrish was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where she was processed and released after posting bail. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro was the arresting officer.

24MN16126 – Theft

On Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at approximately 3:07 p.m., a 52-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) stole property, valued at approximately \$714.36, from a Craig Road residence. Patrolman Abdoulaye Diagne handled the report.

24MN16086 – Warrant Arrest

On Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at approximately 9:56 a.m., George Lancaster, a 30-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Browns Mills, who is employed as a roofer, was stopped on Route 33 for a motor vehicle violation. Mr. Lancaster was found to have a warrant issued for his arrest by the Pemberton Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,000.00. Mr. Lancaster was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after posting bail. Sergeant Bartholomew Mattaliano was the arresting officer.