

Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases
August 21 – August 27, 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! *****

24MN34166 – Warrant Arrest

On Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at approximately 6:52 p.m., Patrolman Frank Maisano responded to the Plumsted Township Police Department and took custody of Ethan Melazzo, a 32-year-old, unmarried, unemployed, male resident of New Egypt, regarding a warrant that was issued for her arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,000.00. Mr. Melazzo was processed and subsequently transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in lieu of bail.

24MN34057 – Fraud

On Monday, August 26, 2024, at approximately 6:15 p.m., a 77-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) fraudulently withdrew \$513.00 from a PayPal account. Patrolman Brandon Rodrigues handled the report.

24MN33983 – Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer

On Monday, August 26, 2024, at approximately 2:14 a.m., Liliana Cornell, a 20-year-old, unmarried, female resident of Lanoka Harbor, occupation unknown, was placed under arrest for Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer following an investigation at Local's Bar and Entertainment, located at 300 Gordon's Corner Road in Manalapan. Ms. Cornell was subsequently transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where she was processed and released on her own recognizance. Sergeant Brian Cruise was the arresting officer.

24MN33850 – Burglary / Theft

On Saturday, August 23, 2024, at approximately 6:55 p.m., a 51-year-old, Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) forced entry into a Shinnecock Drive residence and removed various items (value unknown). Patrolman Christopher Kinnie handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN33837 – Warrant Arrest

On Saturday, August 24, 2024, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Patrolman Haydn Matarazzo responded to the Mercer County Correctional Center and took custody of Mark Dotto, a 38-year-old, unmarried, unemployed, male resident of Manalapan, regarding a warrant that was issued for his arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court. Mr. Dotto was transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently turned over to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution.

24MN33735 – Fraud

On Friday, August 23, 2024, at approximately 12:03 p.m., a 71-year-old Monroe resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) fraudulently cashed a \$1,000.00 money order. Patrol Officer Hope Barina handled the report.

24MN33724 – Theft

On Friday, August 23, 2024, at approximately 12:03 p.m., employees of the Sinclair Gas Station, located at 436 Route 33 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor(s) stole a shipping container containing vehicle tires, valued at approximately \$15,000.00. Patrolman Connor Kelly handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN33722 – Fraud

On Friday, August 23, 2024, at approximately 12:09 p.m., a 65-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters reported that an unknown actor(s) fraudulently gained access to an EBT card and purchased items in the amount of \$263.46. Patrol Officer Hope Barina handled the report.

24MN33616 – Fraud

On Thursday, August 22, 2024, at approximately 12:09 p.m., an employee of NLE Transport, located on Thoreau Drive in Manalapan, responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor has fraudulently been utilizing the company name to solicit business and defraud customers. Patrolman Peter Pagano handled the report.

24MN33525 – Theft

On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at approximately 5:03 p.m., Linda Kussick, a 61-year-old, unmarried, unemployed, female resident of Manalapan was arrested for theft of packages, valued at approximately \$40.00, from a Cross Slope Court residence. Ms. Kussick was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where she was processed and subsequently released on her own recognizance. Patrolman Frank Maisano was the arresting officer.

24MN33523 – Fraud

On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at approximately 4:36 p.m., a 35-year-old Freehold resident reported that an unknown actor(s) made unauthorized transactions utilizing their credit card in the amount of \$239.63. Patrol Officer JeanMarie Kaminski handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN33506 – Fraud

On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at approximately 1:00 p.m., a 54-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) fraudulently obtained their social security number. Patrol Officer Hope Barina handled the report.

24MN33491 – Shoplifting

On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at approximately 10:35 a.m., employees of Home Goods, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor(s) shoplifted items valued at \$299.99. Patrol Officer Hope Barina handled the report, which is pending further investigation.