

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

24MN48038 – Warrant Arrest

On Monday, December 23, 2024, at approximately 6:10 p.m., Michael Lamendola, a 24-year-old, unmarried, unemployed, male resident of Manalapan, was found to have a warrant issued for his arrest by the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Lamendola was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently turned over to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution. Patrolman Frank Maisano was the arresting officer.

24MN48021 – Fraud

On Monday, December 23, 2024, at approximately 4:04 p.m., a 63-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that unknown actor(s) fraudulently rented multiple vehicles using the victim's personal information. No monetary loss was reported as a result of this incident, which is pending further investigation. Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo handled the report.

24MN48006 – Criminal Attempt (Theft by Extortion)

On Monday, December 23, 2024, at approximately 1:26 p.m., an 18-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) unsuccessfully attempted to extort \$100.00 from them via social media. Patrolman William Dutton took the report.

24MN47916 – Fraud

On Sunday, December 22, 2024, at approximately 4:15 p.m., a 47-year-old Manalapan resident reported being defrauded in the amount of \$360.00 via Facebook Marketplace. Patrolman Christopher Oleksy took the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN47889 – Theft

On Sunday, December 22, 2024, at approximately 9:05 a.m., employees of the Valero Gas Station, located at 391 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor stole \$20.00 worth of gasoline from the business. Patrolman Matthew Schwartz handed the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN47888 – Harassment

On Sunday, December 22, 2024, at approximately 9:03 a.m., a 34-year-old South Amboy resident reported being harassed by a co-worker on Thursday, December 19, 2024. Patrolman Jake Mann handled the report.

24MN47828 – Structure Fire

On Saturday, December 21, 2024, at approximately 5:00 p.m., Patrolman Christopher Schou responded to a Pension Road residence for a report of a shed fire. The Manalapan Fire Company, Englishtown Fire Company, Gordon's Corner Fire Company, and Monroe Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire, which appeared to be accidental in nature. No injuries were reported as a result of this incident.

24MN47700 – Theft

On Friday, December 20, 2024, at approximately 11:23 a.m., a 43-year-old Hamilton resident reported that lumber, valued at approximately \$270.00, was stolen from a construction site on Harper Lane in Manalapan sometime between Wednesday, December 18, 2024 and Friday, December 20, 2024. Patrolman James Joiner handled the report.

24MN47697 – Fraud

On Friday, December 20, 2024, at approximately 11:08 a.m., an 81-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being defrauded in the amount of \$18,000.00 via the internet. Patrolman Christopher Makwinski handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN47603 – Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substances

On Thursday, December 19, 2024, an investigation conducted by the Manalapan Township Police Department's Special Investigations Unit resulted in the arrest of Christopher A. Tyler, a 65-year-old, unmarried, unemployed, male resident of Manalapan, for various narcotic related offenses, to include possession of controlled dangerous substances, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a weapon while in possession of controlled dangerous substances, and possession of prescription legend drugs. Mr. Tyler was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently turned over to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution pending a court appearance. Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo was the arresting officer.

24MN47595 – Burglary to a Motor Vehicle

On Thursday, December 19, 2024, at approximately 1:18 p.m., a 35-year-old Manalapan resident reported that items, valued at approximately \$220.00, were removed from a vehicle that was parked at a Brookview Lane residence sometime between December 17, 2024 and December 19, 2024. Patrolman Frank Maisano handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN47504 – Warrant Arrest

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at approximately 5:12 p.m., Patrolman James Guarino conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 33 in Manalapan for a motor vehicle violation. The operator of the vehicle, identified as Anthony Ruiz, a 32-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Somerset, New Jersey, who is employed as a tech support specialist, was found to have a warrant issued for his arrest by the East Brunswick Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,500.00. Mr. Ruiz was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after posting bail. Patrolman James Guarino was the arresting officer.

24MN47502 – Theft

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at approximately 4:59 p.m., a 38-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that a package, valued at \$219.26, was stolen from the front porch of an Apache Drive residence sometime on December 8, 2024. Patrolman Marshall Bitsko handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN47479 – Criminal Attempt (Fraud)

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at approximately 2:53 p.m., a 78-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) attempted to gain access to the victim's bank accounts. No monetary loss was reported as a result of this incident. Patrolman Hayden Hrymack took the report.

24MN47465 – Theft

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at approximately 12:47 p.m., a 47-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) stole items from a package, valued at approximately \$2,590.00, while in transit to a UPS store. Patrol Officer JeanMarie Kaminski handled the report.