

**Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases
December 11 – December 17, 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! **

24MN47250 – Fraud

On Monday, December 16, 2024, at approximately 8:24 p.m., a 41-year-old Freehold resident reported that an unknown actor(s) unlawfully accessed their cellular phone account. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro handled the report.

24MN47243 – Warrant Arrest

On Monday, December 16, 2024, at approximately 5:56 p.m., Patrolman Matthew Parke conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 33 in Manalapan. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Akilah Congo, a 42-year-old, married, female resident of Monroe, who is employed as an office manager, was found to have a warrant issued for her arrest by the Woodbridge Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,000.00. Ms. Congo was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where she was processed and subsequently turned over to the Woodbridge Township Police Department. Patrolman Matthew Parke was the arresting officer.

24MN47210 – Providing a Cannabis Item to a Person Under 21 Years of Age

On Monday, December 16, 2024, at approximately 11:00am, the Manalapan Township Detective Bureau, in cooperation with the Middletown Township Police Department and Marlboro Township Police Department, conducted an investigation at a Gordon's Corner Road business. As a result of the investigation, Xing Liu, a 53-year-old, married, male resident of Marlboro Township, who is employed as a store clerk, was placed under arrest for selling a Marijuana vaporizer to an individual under the age of 21. Mr. Liu was transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently released after being issued a summons. Detective Douglas Zike was the arresting officer.

24MN47208 – Criminal Attempt (Fraud)

On Monday, December 16, 2024, at approximately 11:31 a.m., employees of the Western Monmouth Utilities, located at 103 Pension Road in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor(s) attempted to cash a fraudulent company check in the amount of \$56,670.75. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN47110 – Fraud

On Sunday, December 15, 2024, at approximately 7:49 a.m., a 59-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) defrauded them in the amount of \$5,316.20 via the internet. Patrolman Jake Mann handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN47098 – Harassment

On Saturday, December 14, 2024, at approximately 10:08 p.m., a 40-year-old Manalapan resident reported being harassed by a neighbor. Patrolman Haydn Matarazzo handled the report.

24MN47071 – Harassment

On Saturday, December 14, 2024, at approximately 5:06 p.m., a 39-year-old Manalapan resident reported receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown actor(s). Patrolman Brandon Rodrigues handled the report.

24MN47035 – Criminal Attempt (Fraud)

On Saturday, December 14, 2024, at approximately 9:44 a.m., a 68-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) attempted to fraudulently withdraw \$89,420.00 from their bank account. Patrolman Peter Pagano handled the report.

24MN46969 – Shoplifting

On Friday, December 13, 2024, at approximately 8:18 p.m., employees of the Target department store, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor(s) shoplifted approximately \$619.95 worth of merchandise. Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN46963 – Warrant Arrest

On Friday, December 13, 2024, at approximately 7:03 p.m., Patrolman James Guarino conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 9 in Manalapan. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Nicole Spitzbarth, a 28-year-old, unmarried, female resident of Monroe Township, who is employed as a dietary director, was found to have a warrant issued for her arrest by the East Brunswick Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,500.00. Ms. Spitzbarth was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where she was processed and later released on her own recognizance. Patrolman James Guarino was the arresting officer.

24MN46798 – Harassment / Extortion

On Thursday, December 12, 2024, at approximately 1:16 p.m., a 51-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) harassed and attempted to extort them in the amount of \$1,950.00 via the internet. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro handled the report.

24MN46794 – Terroristic Threat

On Thursday, December 12, 2024, at approximately 3:37 p.m., an employee of the Verizon Wireless store, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported being threatened by a customer. Patrol Officer JeanMarie Kaminski handled the report.

24MN46793 – Shoplifting

On Thursday, December 12, 2024, at approximately 3:38 p.m., employees of the Marshalls department store, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor(s) shoplifted \$800.00 worth of merchandise. Patrol Officer JeanMarie Kaminski handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN46789 – Assault

On Thursday, December 12, 2024, at approximately 3:00 p.m., a 60-year-old Manalapan resident and a 54-year-old Manalapan resident were engaged in a physical altercation at Heritage Village, located at 216 Woodward Road in Manalapan, resulting in minor injuries. Patrolman Frank Maisano handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN46783 – Harassment

On Thursday, December 12, 2024, at approximately 1:46 p.m., a 45-year-old Manalapan resident reported being harassed by a neighbor. Patrolman Frank Maisano handled the report.

24MN46712 – Burglary to a Motor Vehicle / Theft of Property

On Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at approximately 1:17 p.m., a 60-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) entered an unlocked motor vehicle that was parked at a Springhouse Circle residence and stole items valued at \$1,828.16. Patrolman Brandon Rodrigues handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN46676 – Criminal Attempt (Fraud)

On Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at approximately 2:13 p.m., a 57-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) attempted to defraud them in the amount of \$10,000.00 via the internet. Patrolman William Dutton handled the report, which is pending further investigation.