

Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases
November 20 – November 26, 2024
Residents are reminded to remove any valuables from unoccupied
vehicles and remember to lock your vehicle's doors.
*****DO NOT LEAVE KEY FOB'S IN VEHICLES! *****

24MN44995 – Possession of a Controlled & Dangerous Substance / Theft of Vehicle

On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at approximately 6:19 p.m., Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 9 for a vehicle that had been reported stolen. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Martin Duarte-Trujillo, a 25-year-old, unmarried, self-employed, male resident of Newark, was found to be in possession of stolen property, a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia. Mr. Duarte was also found to have warrants issued for his arrest by the Middlesex County Superior Court, as well as the Wharton Boro Municipal Court in the amount of \$2,500.00. Mr. Duarte 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 Christopher Capuzzo was the arresting officer.

24MN44981 – Theft

On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at approximately 4:21 p.m., a 75-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported leaving a cell phone, valued at approximately \$150.00, in a shopping cart in the parking lot of the Target department store, located at 55 Route 9 South in Manalapan. Upon returning to the store, the victim found that the phone was no longer in the cart. Patrolman Haydn Matarazzo handled the report.

24MN44971 – Shoplifting

On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at approximately 3:04 p.m., employees of the Wegman's Supermarket, located at 55 Route 9 South in Manalapan, reported the shoplifting of \$342.48 worth of merchandise from the store. On Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at approximately 9:50 a.m., Claude Schmincke, a 45-year-old, married, male resident of Freehold, occupation unknown, was placed under arrest at Manalapan Township Police Headquarters regarding this incident, where he was processed and released after being issued a summons. Patrolman Jake Mann was the arresting officer.

24MN44968 – Fraud

On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at approximately 2:30 p.m., a 70-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor opened a credit card in the victim's name. No monetary loss was reported as a result of this incident. Patrolman William Dutton took the report.

24MN44951 – Assault

On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at approximately 11:40 a.m., a 20-year-old Red Bank resident reported being assaulted by a Manalapan resident on San Fratello Court in Manalapan. No injuries were reported as a result of this incident. Patrolman Jake Mann handled the report, which is pending the signing of complaints.

23MN44852 – Theft

On Monday, November 25, 2024, at approximately 3:35 p.m., employees of the Justin Corporate Center, located at 198 US 9 N in Manalapan, reported that on Friday evening, November 22, 2024, unknown actors stole several packages from a FedEx box in the parking lot. Patrol Officer JeanMarie Kaminski handled the initial report.

24MN44825 – Theft

On Monday, November 25, 2024, at approximately 11:08 a.m., employees of The Curvy Bride, located at 357 Route 9 in Manalapan, responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported a theft of merchandise in the amount of \$2,327.16. Patrolman Jeffrey Emslie took the report.

24MN44683 – Assault

On Saturday, November 23, 2024, at approximately 7:53 p.m., patrol officers responded to a Justin Way residence in Manalapan Township for the report of a disorderly person. During the course of the investigation, Tory Holder, a 27-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Manalapan, who is employed as a plumber, was placed under arrest for Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer. Mr. Holder was subsequently transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently released after being issued a summons. Patrolman James Guarino was the arresting officer.

24MN44564 – Driving While Intoxicated

On Friday, November 22, 2024, at approximately 6:20 p.m., Luis Salinas-Santiago, a 32-year-old, married, male resident of Howell, NJ, occupation unknown, was found to be Driving While Intoxicated, after being involved in a motor vehicle crash on Route 33 in Manalapan. Mr. Salinas-Santiago was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after being issued summonses. Patrolman Brandon Rodrigues was the arresting officer.

24MN44560 – Harassment

On Friday, November 22, 2024, at approximately 5:30 p.m., a 64-year-old Edison resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being harassed by an unknown actor via telephone. Patrolman Marshall Bitsko took the report.

24MN44544 – Shoplifting

On Friday, November 22, 2024, at approximately 3:24 p.m., employees of the Target department store, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor attempted to shoplift \$339.40 worth of merchandise before fleeing the area. Patrol Officer JeanMarie Kaminski handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

24MN44299 – Theft of a Motor Vehicle

On Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at approximately 4:01 p.m., Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro observed a vehicle that had been reported stolen from Tinton Falls, NJ. Subsequent to a motor vehicle stop, the operator of the vehicle, identified as Eric Rice, a 58-year-old, unmarried, self-employed, male resident of Lakewood, New Jersey, was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and later turned over to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro was the arresting officer.

24MN44296 – Fraud

On Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at approximately 3:40 p.m., a 66-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor gained access to the victim's computer and a bank account. No monetary loss was reported as a result of this incident. Patrolman Sean McCarthy took the report.

24MN44248 – Harassment

On Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at approximately 9:14 a.m., a 41-year-old Manalapan resident reported being harassed by another Manalapan resident. Patrolman Jake Mann handled the report.

24MN44242 – HARASSMENT

On Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at approximately 8:27 a.m., a 41-year-old Manalapan resident reported being harassed by another Manalapan resident. Patrolman Hayden Hrymack handled the report.