

**Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases  
November 6 – November 12, 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! \*\*\***

**Incident 24MN43202 – Theft / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia / Warrant Arrest**

On Monday, November 11, 2024, at approximately 5:21 p.m., employees of the Target department store, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that Maurice D. Hobbes, a 44-year-old, unmarried, unemployed, male resident of Trenton, had shoplifted items valued at \$69.99. Mr. Hobbes was also found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. A second individual, identified as Jessica R. Dixon, a 37-year-old, unmarried, unemployed, female resident of Trenton, was found to have warrants issued for her arrest by the East Windsor Municipal totaling \$1,000.00, the Lawrence Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$550.00, the Trenton Municipal Court in the amount of \$550.00, and the Hamilton Township Municipal Court totaling \$1,105.00. Ms. Dixon was also found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. Both Mr. Hobbs and Ms. Dixon were placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where Mr. Hobbes was processed and released after being issued summonses. Ms. Dixon was subsequently transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in lieu of bail. Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo and Patrolman Haydn Matarazzo were the arresting officers.

**Incident 24MN43184 – Warrant Arrest**

On Monday, November 11, 2024, at approximately 3:47 p.m., Patrolman Marshall Bitsko conducted a motor vehicle stop on Smithburg road for motor vehicle violations. The driver of the vehicle, Demar M. Brown, a 37-year-old married, male resident of Freehold Township, who is employed as a music director, was found to have warrants issued for his arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,000.00 and the East Windsor Municipal Court in the amount of \$500.00. Mr Brown was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently released after posting bail.

**Incident 24MN43044 – Shoplifting**

On Sunday, November 10, 2024, at approximately 1:35 p.m., employees of Home Goods, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor shoplifted items valued at \$299.99. Patrolman Mantas Stanionis handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **Incident 24MN43041 – Theft**

On Sunday, November 10, 2024, at approximately 2:00 p.m., a 67-year-old Farmingdale resident reported that unknown actor(s) stole a wallet and its contents, valued at approximately \$100.00, from a purse while shopping at Marshalls, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan. Patrol Officer Hope Barina took the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **Incident 24MN43027 – Criminal Mischief**

On Sunday, November 10, 2024, at approximately 9:50 a.m., a 50-year-old Manalapan resident reported that unknown actors had damaged several mailboxes on Livingston Lane during the course of the overnight hours. Patrolman Christopher Kinnie took the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **Incident 24MN42972 – Fraud**

On Saturday, November 9, 2024, at approximately 7:45 p.m., employees of Crumble Cookie, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported being defrauded by an unknown actor(s) in the amount of \$1,290.85 via telephone. Patrol Officer JeanMarie Kaminski took the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **Incident 24MN42964 – Theft**

On Saturday, November 9, 2024, at approximately 5:51 p.m., employees of the Target Department Store, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that a 32-year-old East Brunswick resident had shoplifted \$284.94 worth of merchandise. Patrol Officer JeanMarie Kaminski handled the report, which is pending the service of complaints.

### **24MN42921 – Assault**

On Saturday, November 9, 2024, at approximately 8:47 a.m., a 62-year-old Laurence Harbour resident reported being assaulted by a 43-year-old Elizabeth resident while at the Englishtown Flea Market, located at 90 Wilson Avenue in Manalapan. No injuries were sustained and no complaint were signed as a result of this incident. Patrolman Anthony Cascella handled the report.

### **Incident 24MN42796 – Theft of a Motor Vehicle**

On Friday, November 8, 2024, at approximately 11:00 p.m., a 36-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) stole a vehicle, valued at approximately \$1,000.00, between 5:00 p.m. on November 7, 2024 and 9:00 a.m. on November 8, 2024, from the parking lot of a Justin Way residence. Patrolman Sean McCarthy handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **Incident 24MN42794 – Theft**

On Friday, November 8, 2024, at approximately 10:54 a.m., an employee of AT&T cell service at the Verizon Cell Tower located in the Franklin Lane Commuter Lot in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor(s) removed copper wires and a grounding bar, valued at approximately \$4,000.00, from the base of the tower. Patrol Officer JeanMarie Kaminski handled the report.

### **Incident 24MN42773 – Theft**

On Friday, November 8, 2024, at approximately 6:58 a.m., an employee of Mr. Tire, located at 64 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor removed tires from the scrap tire pile and fled the area. Patrolman Chris Oleksy handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **Incident 24MN42714 – Harassment**

On Thursday, November 7, 2024, at approximately 2:05 p.m., a 63-year-old Manalapan resident reported being harassed by an unknown actor via email. Patrolman Brandon Rodrigues took the report.

### **Incident 24MN41483 – Theft / Fraudulent Use of Credit Card / Arrest**

On Monday, October 28, 2024, at approximately 12:36 p.m., a 55-year-old Jackson Township resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that a credit card was stolen from the Quick Chek convenience store, located at 270 Monmouth Road in Manalapan. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Meichel Sedrak, a 51-year-old, married, male resident of Monroe, who is employed as a cashier. On November 11, 2024, Mr. Sedrak was placed under arrest at Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after being issued summonses for theft of a credit card, fraudulent use of a credit card, and theft of mislaid property. Patrolman Christopher Makwinski was the investigating and arresting officer.