

Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases

October 16 – October 22, 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! *****

Incident 24MN40709 – Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substances / Distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substances

On Tuesday, October 22, 2024, an investigation conducted by the Manalapan Township Police Department's Special Investigations Unit resulted in the arrest of John J. Rockford 3rd, a 50-year-old, unmarried, male resident Manalapan, who is employed as an electrician, for various narcotic related offenses, to include possession of controlled dangerous substances and distribution of controlled dangerous substances. Mr. Rockford was transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution pending a court appearance. Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo was the arresting officer.

Incident 24MN40668 – Warrant Arrest

On Monday, October 21, 2024, at approximately 7:52 p.m., Patrolman Edward Burns conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 9 in Manalapan for a motor vehicle violation. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Johnathan Beltrangavica, a 33-year-old, married, unemployed, male resident of Jackson Township, was found to have a warrant issued for his arrest by the Howell Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,000.00. Mr. Beltrangavica 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 in lieu of bail.

Incident 24MN40623 – Theft

On Monday, October 21, 2024, at approximately 1:15 p.m., a 55-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) unlawfully removed \$765.00 from a Justin Way residence. Patrolman James Joiner handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 24MN40414 – Harassment

On Saturday, October 19, 2024, at approximately 11:10 a.m., a 42-year-old Manalapan resident reported that they had been harassed via social media. Patrolman Brian Schank handled the report.

Incident 24MN40411 – Theft

On Saturday, October 19, 2024, at approximately 11:20 p.m., a 41-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) stole a Chromebook, valued at approximately \$500.00, from the Manalapan Township Recreational Center. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 24MN40337 – Harassment

On Friday, October 18, 2024, at approximately 7:07 p.m., a 40-year-old Freehold resident reported receiving harassing text messages from an unknown actor(s). Patrolman Edward Burns handled the report.

Incident 24MN40328 – Criminal Attempt (Fraud)

On Friday, October 18, 2024, at approximately 3:37 p.m., an 83-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 \$15,849.00 with a fraudulent cashier's check. Patrolman Kyle Williams handled the report.

Incident 24MN40305 – Identity Theft / Criminal Attempt (Fraud)

On Friday, October 18, 2024, at approximately 11:05 p.m., a 75-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) utilized their personal information in an attempt to fraudulently obtain an insurance payment. Patrolman William Dutton handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 24MN40297 – Criminal Attempt (Extortion)

On Friday, October, 18, 2024, at approximately 9:17 a.m., a 63-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) attempted to extort them in the amount of \$1,950.00 via the internet. Detective Matthew Meyler handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

Incident 24MN40091 – Fraud

On Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at approximately 2:50 p.m., a 53-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) defrauded them in the amount of \$100,000.00. Patrolman Kyle Williams handled the report, which is pending further investigation.