

**Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases  
October 9 – October 15, 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! \*\*\***

**24MN39778 – Fraud**

On Sunday, October 13, 2024, at approximately 4:54 p.m., a 56-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor fraudulently attempted to hire contractors to perform work on a Parkview Way residence. Patrolman Frank Maisano handled the report.

**24MN39805 – Possession of a Controlled & Dangerous Substance**

On Sunday, October 13, 2024, at approximately 8:50 p.m., Patrolman James Guarino conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 9 South for motor vehicle violations. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Michael A. Mongelli, a 38-year-old, unmarried, self-employed, male resident of Manalapan, was found to be in possession of a controlled & dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia. Mr. Mongelli was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after being issued summonses.

**24MN39633 – Vandalism**

On Saturday, October 12, 2024, at approximately 8:15 a.m., a 75-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor had vandalized a Craig Road residence on three separate occasions during the course of the last week. Patrolman Hayden Hrymack handled the report.

**24MN39460 – Possession of a Controlled & Dangerous Substance**

On Thursday, October 10, 2024, at approximately 4:03 p.m., Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo responded to the Quick Check convenience store, located at 270 Monmouth Road in Manalapan. Rudolph Wolfinger IV, a 38-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Sayreville, who is employed as a laborer, was subsequently found to be in possession of a controlled & dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia. Mr. Wolfinger was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after being issued a summons. Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo was the arresting officer.

### **24MN39442 – Driving While Intoxicated**

On Thursday, October 10, 2024, at approximately 1:15 p.m., Patrolman William Dutton responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked on Union Hill Road. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Josef Yelizarov, a 57-year-old, married, self-employed, male resident of Manalapan, was found to be operating a vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. Mr. Yelizarov was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after being issued summonses.

### **24MN39365 – Fraud / Identity Theft**

On Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at approximately 7:32 p.m., a 49-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor opened up a credit card account in the victim's name. No monetary loss was reported as a result of this incident. Patrolman Mann took the report.

### **24MN39307 – Shoplifting**

On Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at approximately 10:15 a.m., employees of the Target department store, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that Joseph Catalano, a 37-year-old male resident of Old Bridge (marital status / occupation unknown) attempted to shoplift \$149.81 worth of merchandise. Mr. Catalano was placed under arrest and transported to the Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after being issued a summons. Patrolman Haydn Matarazzo was arresting officer.

### **24MN39291 – Shoplifting**

On Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at approximately 8:33 a.m., employees of the Wegman's supermarket, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor had shoplifted \$73.43 worth of merchandise. Patrolman Haydn Matarazzo handled the report.