# Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases February 26, 2025 – March 4, 2025 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! \*\*\*

## 25MN07795- Fraud

On Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at approximately 05:51 p.m. a 47-year-old Manalapan resident reported that they were defrauded out of \$360.00 via social media. Patrol Officer JeanMarie Kaminski handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

# 25MN07784- Assault/ Weapons Armed Subject

On Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at approximately 2:31 p.m., patrols responded to the area of Wickatunk Road for the report of an altercation following a road rage incident. During the course of the initial investigation, it was reported by an 18-year-old Manalapan resident that they were pushed in the face and threatened by a 49-year-old Marlboro resident who was also armed with a baseball bat. Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

# 25MN07759-Fraud

On Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at approximately 10:15 a.m. a 61-year-old Manalapan resident reported that several years ago they co-signed for a student loan for an acquaintance. Since that time the original loan has not been not paid and five other loans were opened with the victim's information. Total loss is approximately \$250,000.00. Patrolman Jeff Emslie handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

# 25MN07636 - Fraud

On Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at approximately 10:30 a.m., a 77-year-old Manalapan resident reported that they were a victim of fraud. The victim reported that they observed suspicious activity on their bank account and multiple attempted transactions from their eBay and PayPal accounts. There was no monetary loss suffered by the reporting party. Patrolman Donovan Turner handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

# 25MN07576 – Driving While Intoxicated

On Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at approximately 9:12 p.m., patrols responded to Route 33 West for a report of a motor vehicle accident. Subsequent investigation revealed that one of the drivers involved, Tahlia R Jaime-Kelly was operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Tahlia is a single 26-year-old female, employed as a nurse, who resides in Belmar, New Jersey. Tahlia was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters for processing. Tahlia was later released on a court summons. Patrolman James Guarino was the arresting officer.

# 25MN07524 - Simple Assault

On Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at approximately 1:08 p.m., a 72-year-old Parlin resident reported being assaulted in the Wegman's parking lot following a traffic dispute. Patrolman Brandon Yeung handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

# 25MN07521 – Theft of Property

On Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at approximately 12:53 p.m., a 71-year-old Manalapan resident reported that unknown actor(s) had stolen their purse valued at approximately \$530.00. Patrolman Haydn Matarazzo handled the report.

# 25MN07400 – Theft of Property

On Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at approximately 2:53 p.m., patrols responded to the Zapps Comics and Cards located at 700 Tennent Road for a report of a theft. An unknown male actor entered the store holding a small brick and acting disorderly before picking up a comic book set and leaving the store without rendering payment. The value of the stolen item was approximately \$45.00. Patrolman Jake Mann handled report, which is pending further investigation.

## 25MN07390 - Theft

On Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at approximately 12:31 p.m., a 56-year-old Manalapan resident reported that a known actor removed jewelry and \$45,000 in cash from their house. Patrolman Brian Schank handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

#### 25MN07338 - Warrant Arrest

On Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at approximately 09:17 p.m., 21-year-old Elan Watkins, who is a single, male resident of Toms River and employed in retail, was arrested subsequent to a motor vehicle stop for outstanding traffic and criminal warrants out of Middletown Township Municipal Court. Elan was transported to Manalapan Police Department for processing and later released on his own recognizance with an upcoming court date. Patrolman Marshall Bitsko was the arresting officer.

## 25MN07313- Vandalism

On Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at approximately 5:00 p.m., a 55-year-old Manalapan resident reported that between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. an unknown actor(s) shattered the window of their vehicle while it was parked in the Towne Pointe parking lot. Patrol Officer JeanMarie Kaminski handled the report.

#### 25MN07236- Fraud

On Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at approximately 07:58 a.m. a 65-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) gained access to their computer by claiming to be tech support. The victim paid a fee of \$154.90 for the tech support services before realizing it was fraudulent. Patrolman Matthew Jastrzembski handled the report.

#### 25MN07201 - Fraud

On Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:26 p.m., a 36-year-old Manalapan Resident reported that a known actor fraudulently obtained \$20,000.00 worth of a crypto currency from their account. Patrolman Marshall Bitsko handled the initial report, which is pending further investigation.

## 25MN07151 - Theft

On Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 12:26 p.m., a 28-year-old Union resident reported that an unknown actor(s) entered a construction site located in Manalapan Township after hours and stole a refrigerator worth approximately \$2,150.00. Patrolman Matthew Schwartz handled the report.

### 25MN07134 - Fraud

On Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at approximately 10:40 a.m., a 75-year-old Manalapan resident reported that they observed numerous attempted fraudulent transactions on several of their accounts. None of the attempted transactions went through and the victim did not suffer any monetary loss. Patrolman Jake Mann handled the report, which is pending future investigation.

## 25MN07030- Fraud

On Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at approximately 5:25 p.m., a 66-year-old Manalapan resident reported that unknown actor(s) fraudulently accessed their bank account and withdrew \$1,300.06. Patrolman Hunter Mauro handled this incident.

## 25MN06971 - Fraud

On Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at approximately 11:14 a.m., a 35-year-old Manalapan resident reported that they received a Verizon phone bill for an account that was fraudulently opened in their name. At this time, there is no report of monetary loss. Patrolman Brandon Yeung handled the report.

#### 25MN06983- Vandalism

On Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 12:29 p.m., representatives of a homeowner's association in Manalapan reported that a known actor dismantled multiple surveillance cameras located on the property. The victims were advised of the procedure to sign complaints. Patrolman Peter Pagano handled the report.