

Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases
February 12, 2025 – February 18, 2025
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! *****

25MN05992 – Simple Assault

On Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 at approximately 8:33p.m., patrols responded to Pension Road in reference to an assault. Upon arrival, patrols located 61-year-old East Brunswick resident that had been assaulted. The victim was not injured in the assault. It was reported that the victim was assaulted during a disagreement with another individual. Patrolman Abdoulaye Diagne handled the report.

25MN05986 - Shoplifting

On Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 at approximately 7:18 p.m., patrols responded to the Target located at 55 U.S Highway 9 in reference to a shoplifting. Upon arrival, Loss Prevention reported that a female suspect had attempted to shoplift merchandise from the store valued at \$39.99. Patrolman Matthew Jastrzembki handled the report.

25MN05854 – Fraud

On Monday, February 17th, 2025, at approximately 8:13 p.m., a 60-year-old Manalapan resident reported that unknown actor(s) gained access to their email address and attempted to fraudulently use their identification to purchase various items online. Patrolman Donovan Turner handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

25MN05863 - Fraud

On Monday, February 17th, 2025, at approximately 9:32 p.m., a 75-year-old Manalapan resident reported an incident of fraud. The victim reported unknown actor(s) posed as TD Bank operators and obtained the victim's bank information, resulting in the victim losing approximately \$8,100.00 from their bank account. Patrolman Matthew Jastrzembki handled the report.

25MN05689 – Theft

On Sunday, February 16th, 2025, at approximately 1:48 p.m., a 70-year-old Manalapan resident reported a theft of a cell phone and wallet, valued at \$1,330, from their residence by a known suspect. Patrolman Brandon Yeung handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

25MN05680 - Fraud

On Sunday, February 16th, 2025, at approximately 10:41 a.m., a 62-year-old Manalapan Township resident advised that they were defrauded by a tree service. The company collected a payment in the amount of \$420.00 without rendering the service. Patrol Officer Hope Barina handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

25MN05625-Harassment

On Saturday, February 15th, 2025 at approximately 5:43 p.m., a 19-year-old Manalapan resident reported being harassed by a known actor. The victim was advised of the procedure to sign complaints in Manalapan Township Municipal Court. Patrol Officer Hope Barina handled the report.

25MN05602 – Fraud

On Saturday, February 15th, 2025, at approximately 11:38 a.m., a 44-year-old Manalapan resident advised that they received notice from Verizon that two Apple iPhone 16 Pro Max models were fraudulently purchased utilizing their personal information from the Verizon store in Manalapan by an unknown actor(s). Patrolman Jake Mann handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

25MN05585 – Warrant Arrest

On Saturday, February 15th, 2025, at approximately 9:14 a.m., Patrolman Brandon Rodrigues conducted a motor vehicle stop on Sobechko Road in Manalapan for a motor vehicle violation. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Jeanpaul Berrospicalixtro, a 29-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Elizabeth, who is self-employed, was found to have a warrant issued for his arrest by the Lawrence Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$550.00. Mr. Berrospicalixtro was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Department Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently released on his own recognizance. Patrolman Brandon Rodrigues was the arresting officer.

25MN05426 – Warrant Arrest

On Thursday, February 14th, 2025, at approximately 1:53 a.m., Patrolman Connor Kelly responded to the Readington Police Department and took custody of Michael A Coppa 3rd, a 57-year-old, unmarried, unemployed, male resident of Staten Island, New York regarding a warrant that was issued for his arrest by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$2,000.00. Mr. Coppa was processed and transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in lieu of bail. Patrolman Connor Kelly was the arresting officer.

25MN05357 - Fraud

On Thursday, February 13th, 2025 at 2:15 p.m. a 75-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) used their personal information to open a Verizon wireless account. Patrolman Jeff Emslie handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

25MN05384 – Theft

On Thursday, February 13th, 2025, at approximately 5:31 p.m., a 56-year-old Manalapan resident reported a theft of a package, valued at approximately \$119.00. Patrolman Christopher Schou handled the report.

25MN05373 – Warrant Arrest

On Thursday, February 13th, 2025, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Patrolman Kyle Williams and Patrolman Donovan Turner responded to Eatontown Police Department and took custody of Vanessa Banos-Merino, a 25-year-old, unmarried, medical assistant, female resident of Neptune, New Jersey, who was arrested on an active warrant issued by the Manalapan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,000.00. Ms. Banos-Merino was subsequently transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in lieu of bail. Patrolman Donovan Turner was the arresting officer.

25MN05314 – Fraud

On Thursday, February 13th, 2025, at approximately 8:58 a.m., a 33-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown eBay seller shipped a package containing no product. Patrolman Brandon Yeung handled the report.

25MN05320 – Fraud

On Thursday, February 13th, 2025, at approximately 9:29 a.m., a 33-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) fraudulently opened up three bank accounts and credit cards utilizing the victim's personal information. Patrolman Jake Mann handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

25MN05259 – Fraud

On Wednesday, February 12th, 2025, at approximately 5:32 p.m., a 45-year-old Manalapan resident reported that unknown actor(s) fraudulently opened a credit card in the victim's name. Patrolman Matthew Jastrzembki handled the report.

25MN05253 – Warrant Arrest

On Wednesday, February 12th, 2025, at approximately 5:03 p.m., Patrolman Hunter Mauro conducted a motor vehicle stop in the Quick Check parking lot for motor vehicle violations. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Nicole Goldsmith, a 41-year-old, unmarried, female resident of Brick, New Jersey, who is employed as an authorization specialist was found to have a warrant issued for her arrest by Manasquan Township Municipal Court for \$750.00. Ms. Goldsmith was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Department Headquarters where she was processed and subsequently released after posting bail. Patrolman Hunter Mauro was the arresting officer.

25MN05221 – Theft of Property

On Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 at approximately 12:33 p.m., a 50-year-old Manalapan Township resident advised that unknown actors operating an older model Ford F-250, white in color, with a mounted red plow approached the victim's residence and removed a package that was outside. At this time, there is no reported loss as the package was later recovered. Patrolman Everett McNulty handled the report, which is pending further investigation.