

POLICE BLOTTER - JANUARY, 2025

Monday, January 6, 2025, 1208 hours. Officers were dispatched to Coopertown Road in the area of Enterprise Drive for the report of a single-vehicle **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH**. Upon arrival, officers observed a gray Dodge Ram pick-up truck had struck a utility pole at the intersection. Investigation revealed that the driver lost control of the vehicle while driving in the snow. The truck had disabling damage to the passenger side front wheel and had to be towed from the scene. Information was taken to generate a crash report.

Monday, January 10, 2025, 1041 hours. Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for the report of a **FRAUD**. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the victim who advised that he had been scammed out of approximately \$250. He stated that he had answered an ad on Facebook regarding a rental property in Delanco. He was told to complete an application online and that he needed to send a deposit through a digital payment platform. He advised that he did not use such platforms, so he was told to pick up an Apple gift card in the amount of \$50, which he did, and he sent the card number to the number he was communicating with, and agreed to meet for a tour of the property the next day. Instead of showing up, the victim was again contacted and told to send another \$200 deposit, which he did. After the \$200 was sent, the fraudulent rental company requested another \$800. The victim decided to drive passed the property and contacted the realtor listed. He was advised that he was probably the victim of a scam. This case is under active investigation by the Detective Division.

Thursday, January 16, 2025, 0932 hours. Officers were dispatched to the area of Falcon Lane and Turtle Court for the report of a 2-car **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH** involving a parked vehicle. Upon investigation it was revealed that Vehicle #2 was parked directly on the corner of Falcon Lane and Turtle Court at a 45-degree angle. Vehicle #1 was a garbage collection truck, its driver was attempting a U-turn within the intersection, and struck vehicle #2 as it did so. Information was taken to generate a crash report.

Thursday, January 16, 2025, 1108 hours. Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for a walk-in complaint regarding a **FRAUD**. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated that she received a text message from a number identifying themselves as a bank security team asking if she had made a purchase. They then asked if she had made a second purchase and attempted a wire transfer. After denying the transactions, the victim then received a phone call. The caller offered her assistance for the fraud and advised her to enter a series of numbers into her phone. She did so, but soon after, realized that her bank account had been drained and the money was wired to another bank. She contacted her

bank and also the bank where the wire transfer was sent. Both opened up an investigation. This case is also under investigation by Delanco Detective Division.

Friday, January 17, 2025, 2120 hours. Officers were dispatched to the unit block of Trout Trail for a 2-car **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH**. Upon investigation it was learned that Vehicle #2 was traveling on Trout Trail when Vehicle #1 backed out of a driveway and struck the passenger side of Vehicle #2. Both vehicles were drivable and no injuries were reported. Information was taken to generate a crash report.

Sunday, January 19, 2025, 0204 hours. Officers observed a vehicle on Coopertown Road operating with no taillamps illuminated. A **MOTOR VEHICLE STOP** was conducted on Rhawn Street and after obtaining identification for the driver, a **WARRANT** was located for his arrest out of Trenton City. Trenton was contacted and advised to release the driver on his own recognizance (ROR) with a new court date. The driver was processed on scene and released with a new court date. He was issued a warning for the equipment violation.

Sunday, January 19, 2025, 1614 hours. Officers were dispatched to State Route 130, prior to the Bridgeboro Bridge for a report of a single vehicle **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH**. The vehicle involved was a 2009 BMW 3 series. The driver lost control while traveling in the left lane, crashed into the Jersey barrier, bounced off of the Jersey barrier, then traveled across all lanes of traffic and shoulder to strike a guard rail along the side of the road. The driver suffered from several minor injuries and was transported to the hospital. The vehicle was not drivable and was towed from the scene. The driver was also issued motor vehicle summonses for being an unlicensed driver and failing to produce documents. Information was taken to generate a crash report.

Sunday, January 19, 2025, 1646 hours. Officers were dispatched to the area of Burlington and Union Avenues for the report of a single-vehicle **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH** with the vehicle into a tree. Upon investigation it was discovered that the driver was applying his brakes when he began to skid on the roadway. The vehicle jumped the curb and struck a tree, causing heavy damage to the vehicle. It was also discovered that the driver was unlicensed and had no proof of insurance. The driver was issued several motor vehicle summonses and given a courtesy transportation to his home. The vehicle was towed from the scene. Information was taken to generate a crash report.

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 1715 hours. Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for a walk-in complaint regarding a **FRAUD**. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated that she had been contacted by phone from a male identifying himself as a deputy sheriff. The caller advised the victim that she had outstanding fines and that she was under a gag order and could not tell anyone. The caller also advised that she could be arrested. The victim was advised to go to a specific location and to transfer a large amount of money to a QR code that the caller had provided. Once the victim did so, she

was told to delete the QR code and then to go to a local police station to have her signature confirmed. This is when she discovered that she was a victim of a fraud. This case is under active investigation.

Sunday, January 26, 2025, 0125 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 7-11 store in the 800 block of Burlington Avenue for the report of a **SHOPLIFTING** that had just occurred. Upon arrival, officers were advised that 2 white males had arrived at the store operating a white VW SUV with an unknown registration, as there was only 1 tag on the rear of the vehicle. 2 white males wearing black hoodies then entered the store. 1 male distracted the sales clerk while the second male concealed an I-Phone charger under his sweatshirt. Both males then left the store and left location in the VW SUV northbound on Burlington Avenue. The value of the I-Phone charger is approximately \$30.00. Video evidence was secured, information was taken for a report and turned over to the Detective Division for further investigation.

Sunday, January 26, 2025, 1930 hours. Officers were dispatched to multiple locations spanning the length of Hickory Street from Union Avenue to Cooper Street, for multiple hit and run **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES**. A total of 3 parked vehicles were struck by another vehicle that continued driving, not stopping at the scene of any of the crashes. After gathering information to generate crash reports, and beginning an investigation, officers located a front bumper, along with a front license plate from the suspect vehicle. The bumper and plate belonged to a black Nissan Sentra. Officers located the owner and made contact. The owner was able to provide the identity of the person driving that vehicle. Contact was made with that person, and upon interrogation, confessed to striking all of those vehicles located on Hickory Street. The hit and run driver was issued numerous motor vehicle violations and is required to appear in court at a future date.

Monday, January 27, 2025, 1515 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 1300 block of Burlington Avenue, at the Pearson Elementary School, for the report of a hit and run **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH**. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim, who stated that she was parked in queue along the right side of the roadway, waiting to pick up a child. The vehicle that was parked behind her pulled out and struck the rear of her vehicle. The second vehicle left the scene without stopping. Officers were able to identify the vehicle and driver and made contact at the driver's residence. The elderly driver reported that she was not aware that she had made contact with the vehicle in front of her. Information was taken and a crash report was generated.

Monday, January 27, 2025, 1546 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Creek Road, at the Motor Vehicle Commission building, for the report of a 2 car **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH** involving a parked vehicle. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the operator of Vehicle #1 was attempting to park in a parking stall, misjudged his distance, and struck the driver's side of Vehicle #2. No injuries were reported. Information was taken to generate a crash report.

Monday, January 27, 2025, 1927 hours. Officers were dispatched to the area of Cedar Street and Delaware Avenue for the report of a ***HIT AND RUN MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH*** involving a parked vehicle. The victim stated that she had parked her vehicle along the curbline at approximately 18:30 hours, and when she returned to her vehicle, she observed that an unknown vehicle had struck the driver's side and left the scene without reporting it. At this point, officers were unable to locate any evidence from the offending vehicle. Information was taken to generate a crash report.