

POLICE BLOTTER 12/2/2024

Here is the most recent version of the Delanco Township Police Blotter. This is just a small sampling of the various calls for service that the Delanco Police Officers have responded to over the past few weeks. This is not a complete list of calls. All persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Monday, October 14, 2024, 0446 hours. Delanco Police Offices, Delanco Fire Department and other multiple assisting police, fire, and EMS agencies, were dispatched to the 300 block of Burlington Avenue for the report of a **HOUSE FIRE**. Upon arrival, the first arriving Delanco Police Officers observed a twin style residence, with both sides fully engulfed in fire. Within 20 seconds of arrival, Delanco Patrolman Leusner located a female victim trapped on the roof in the rear of the dwelling. With the fire quickly spreading, and with no regard to their own safety, Sergeant Maloney and Patrolman Leusner quickly formulated a plan to rescue the victim from the roof. Sergeant Maloney located a chair, climbed on it, and with the assistance of Patrolman Leusner, assisted the victim from the roof to the ground. The officers then rapidly removed the victim from the area of imminent danger and provided first aid. The victim was then transported to the hospital. Fire Fighters took several hours to extinguish the blaze. This fire is currently under investigation by the Detective Division and the Burlington County Fire Marshal's Office.

Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 1112 hours. Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for a report of **LOST OR STOLEN PROPERTY**. Upon arrival, an officer spoke to the walk in who reported that several months prior, one of the license plates on her vehicle was either lost or stolen. A report was generated and she was advised to visit a Motor Vehicle Commission agency to have her plates replaced.

Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 1433 hours. Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for a walk in complaint for **HARASSMENT**. The complainant advised that he is constantly being harassed by several neighbors and wished to sign criminal complaints. He was advised of the procedure and provided with an affidavit of probable cause packet to be completed and forwarded to the municipal court for determination of probable cause.

Thursday, October 17, 2024, 2159 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Coopertown Road for a report of a **FRAUD**. Upon arrival, officers met with the victim who advised that an unknown person or persons were using his credit card fraudulently, although, he still has the card in his possession. The victim further advised that he was contacted by the credit card company due to suspicious purchases that occurred earlier today totaling approximately \$1,500.00. Information was taken for a report, and the victim was advised to cancel that credit card and have a new one issued. He was also advised to place a fraud alert on his credit report and to keep an eye on his other accounts. This case was turned over to the Detective Division and is currently an open investigation.

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 0839 hours. An officer was conducting traffic enforcement on Route 130 Southbound. The officer observed a driver pass his location while using a cell phone. While attempting to close the distance with the offending vehicle, the officer noticed the vehicle make an unsafe lane change into the right lane. The vehicle then quickly exited Route 130 at Bridgeboro Road Northbound and accelerate rapidly. The officer conducted a **MOTOR VEHICLE STOP** on Bridgeboro Road at Jason Court in Delran. After making contact with the driver, advising of the violations, and obtaining driving credentials, the officer returned to his vehicle and conducted a check of the driver's license. Central Communications (Dispatch) advised the officer that the driver had an **NCIC WARRANT** out for his arrest from the Ocean County Sheriff's Department. The driver was taken into custody without incident, transported to Police Headquarters for processing, and then transported to the Burlington County Jail to await pick up by Ocean County Sheriff's Department. Several motor vehicle summonses were also issued.

Monday, October 21, 2024, 1441 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Center Avenue for the report of someone removing a township owned tree, a **LOCAL ORDINANCE VIOLATION**. A member of the Delanco Township Shade Tree Commission became aware of a tree company who was hired by a resident to remove a tree between the sidewalk and curb. The Commission member stated that the Commission had not authorized the tree to be removed and that he wished to sign a complaint against the resident. He was advised of the procedure and provided with an affidavit of probable cause packet, which he completed and returned. Probable cause was found for the issuance of the local ordinance violation and a summons was issued.

Sunday, October 24, 2024, 0027 hours. An officer was on routine patrol in the area of Delaware Avenue and Lilac Lane where he observed 2 vehicles illegally parked. The officer approached the vehicles and located 2 subjects in 1 of the vehicles. He made contact and advised them of the violation. After obtaining identification from the occupants of the vehicle, one was found to have a **WARRANT** out of Burlington Township. The officer contacted Burlington Township police who advised that the subject could be released on his own recognizance pending a future court date. Information was taken and the subject was processed on the scene and released pending the new court date.

Monday, October 25, 2024, 1243 hours. Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for a report of **HARASSMENT and THREATS**. Upon arrival, the victim advised the officers that an acquaintance has been harassing her of an extended period of time. The victim has been receiving harassing text messages which blame her for the death of a pet, text messages threatening to assault the victim, and driving by her residence honking the horn on multiple occasions. The victim further reports that the acquaintance has approached her vehicle and threatened to harm her and has also sent email to her friends and place of employment, making derogatory statements. The victim wished to sign charges against the acquaintance. She completed an affidavit of probable cause which will be forwarded to the municipal court for a probable cause hearing.

Monday, October 28, 2024, 1720 hours. An officer was approached while at police headquarters by a walk-in complainant who wanted to report an **ASSAULT** that had occurred earlier that day to her daughter. It was reported that while she was outside, the victim was "jumped" by 4 subjects that were driving by her in a vehicle. At least a couple of the subjects were known to the victim and seemed to be a continuation of a disagreement at school. A written statement was taken, along with a copy of a video showing the assault. The subjects from the vehicle were identified and charged with simple assault.

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 1022 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Edgewood Avenue for the report of a past-tense **BURGLARY and THEFT** to a motor vehicle. Upon arrival, officers were advised that sometime overnight, the victim's vehicle was broken into and several gift and credit cards were stolen. One of the cards was used at an undisclosed 7-11, and then again used at a Burlington Township WaWa. Information was taken for a report and the case was turned over to the Detective Division. This is an open and active investigation.

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 1947 hours. An officer on routine patrol in the area of Burlington and Rancocas Avenues noticed a subject in Gateway Park after hours, a **LOCAL ORDINANCE VIOLATION**. The officer made contact with the subject and advised him of the violation. After obtaining identification, it was discovered that the subject had a WARRANT out for his arrest out of Willingboro Township. Officers contacted Willingboro, who authorized the subject to be released on his own recognizance with a future court date. Information was taken and the subject was processed and released on the scene pending a new court date.

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 2029 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of Burlington Avenue for the report of a 2 car **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH** involving a parked vehicle. Upon arrival, officers observed an overturned vehicle in the roadway with victims inside and a second vehicle with rear end damage. Investigation revealed that the overturned vehicle had been traveling southbound on Burlington Avenue just passed Lilac Lane. For an unknown reason, the vehicle left its lane of travel and struck the rear of a legally parked vehicle on Burlington Avenue, causing the moving vehicle to overturn. The victims were able to be removed from the overturned vehicle with no obvious injuries. The vehicle was removed from the roadway and information was taken to generate a crash report.

Friday, November 15, 2024, 1030 hours. Officers were made aware of a **FRAUD and FORGERY** that had occurred against the township. A check had been issued to a business for services rendered to the township. It was discovered that an unknown person had intercepted that check and cashed it for their own benefit, depriving both the township and the business of the money. The Detective Division was notified and is investigating this crime.

Friday, November 15, 2024, 1603 hours. Officers were dispatched to the area of Burlington Avenue and Cooper Street for the report of a one car **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH**. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the driver of a vehicle who had struck a traffic sign. The driver advised that a second vehicle had entered onto Burlington Avenue from Cooper Street and encroached into his lane of travel. The second vehicle's action caused the driver to take evasive action to avoid a collision, however, caused him to strike a traffic sign on the side of the road. Information was taken to generate a crash report.

Friday, November 15, 2024, 2049 hours. Officers were dispatched to State Route 130 Southbound between Bridgeboro Road and the Bridgeboro Bridge for the report of a 1 car **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH**. Upon arrival, officers located a vehicle with heavy front-end damage, disabled in the lanes of traffic, unable to be driven. The driver stated that a deer had run across the roadway in front of her vehicle, causing her to hit the deer. The deer was located dead in the roadway. The deer was removed to the side of the road and a tow truck responded to remove the vehicle. Information was taken to generate a crash report.

Monday, November 18, 2024, 0714 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Union Avenue for the report of a **STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE** that had occurred sometime overnight. The victim reported that she had last used her vehicle on Saturday and parked it in the street in front of her residence. The vehicle was reported to be a 2013 Kia Sorrento, silver in color. A Ring Camera operating in the area was able to confirm that the vehicle went missing between the hours of 2020 and 2215. Information was taken to generate a report and the vehicle was entered into NCIC as stolen. Notifications were made to several intelligence gathering agencies. The vehicle was seen on several traffic cameras through southern Burlington County and into Camden County. At approximately 2215 hours that evening, Delanco Police were contacted by Harrison Township Police, Gloucester County, advising that they had located the stolen vehicle being driven in their jurisdiction. Harrison Police conducted a felony car stop and took 2 suspects into custody. A Delanco Detective responded to Harrison Township to process the vehicle for evidence. The owner was notified and was able to retrieve her vehicle and the vehicle was removed from NCIC. The suspects were charged in Gloucester County with Receiving Stolen Property. The investigation is still open in Delanco to identify the person(s) who actually stole the vehicle.

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 0620 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Princeton Avenue for a report of a **BURGLAY to a MOTOR VEHICLE** that had occurred sometime overnight. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the victim who advised when she was leaving for work, she noticed damage done to the door of her vehicle. When she entered the vehicle, she noticed that items were out of place and that her engagement ring was missing from the center console. The vehicle was processed and information was taken to generate a report. This case was assigned to the Detective Division and is an open/active investigation.

Saturday, November 23, 2024, 2226 hours. Officers were dispatched to the unit block of Edwards Avenue for the report of a **MISSING/ENDANGERED PERSON**. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the reporting party who reported an adult family member, who suffers from a medical condition, had not been seen or heard from in several days. Officers took information to generate a report, checked the area, then responded back to Police Headquarters. The missing person was entered into NCIC (National Crime Information Center) so that the subject could be listed as a missing person. (If a police officer, nation-wide, comes in contact with a victim, and runs their name through NCIC, a "hit" will indicate that person is missing out of this jurisdiction.) Once entered, officers then began contacting other family, friends, and acquaintances to try to locate the missing person. The next afternoon, while still investigating this missing persons case, the subject returned home voluntarily. Officers made contact with the missing person and verified that they had indeed returned home and that they were not in need of any medical attention.