

POLICE BLOTTER, DECEMBER, 2024

UPDATE: An arrest has been made in reference to a **BURGLARY** to a motor vehicle that had occurred overnight from Monday, November 11 into Tuesday, November 12, 2024 in the 300 block of Edgewood Avenue. Working with Riverside Township detectives, a suspect was developed in this burglary as well as several burglaries that occurred in Riverside. Detectives were able to positively identify a suspect and issued warrants for his arrest. The suspect was entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as a wanted person out of Delanco Township. On Friday, December 6, 2024 at approximately 0132 hours, Delanco officers were notified that Palmyra Police Department had taken the suspect into custody. The suspect was transferred to Delanco Police Headquarters where he was interrogated in reference to the burglary and credit card fraud. The suspect made admissions to a police detective regarding several elements of the crimes. After processing, the suspect was transported to the Burlington County Jail and lodged pending a detention hearing.

Sunday, December 1, 2024, 1617 hours. Officers were dispatched to the area of Third Street and Edgewood Avenue for the report of a 2 car **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH** involving a parked vehicle. Upon arrival, officers were advised that a resident had parked his vehicle in his driveway. After parking the vehicle, the vehicle rolled out of the driveway and struck another vehicle that was parked in the street along the curblin. Both vehicles were unoccupied at the time. Officers took information to generate a report.

Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 1916 hours. Officers were dispatched to the area of Burlington and Maple Avenues for the report of a **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH – HIT AND RUN**. Upon arrival, officers were advised that while traveling southbound on Burlington Avenue, a vehicle was struck in the rear by a second vehicle. The second vehicle then fled the scene, turning right onto Maple Avenue traveling toward the Delaware River. Witnesses further reported that the second vehicle made its way back out onto Burlington Avenue and left the scene northbound toward Beverly City. During the course of the investigation, officers were able to locate video footage of the suspect vehicle which revealed a license plate and a clear image of the driver. The driver was ultimately identified and charged with Careless Driving, Reckless Driving, Failure to Maintain a Lane, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, and Failure to Report an Accident. The driver has a mandatory court appearance on a future date.

Thursday, December 5, 2024, 1134 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Hazel Avenue for the report of a **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH** involving a parked vehicle. Investigation showed that Driver #1 was operating a backhoe while working on construction in the area. As he was backing, he struck the rear driver side of a vehicle parked in the street along the curblin. No injuries were reported and information was taken to generate a crash report.

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 0019 hours. Officers were on routine patrol in the area of the Camp Meeting Grounds when they located several **ABANDONED BICYCLES**. The bicycles appeared to be in poor condition, however, they were collected and taken to Police Headquarters in case they were missing and their owners could claim them there. The bicycles' serial numbers were run through NCIC to see if they were reported stolen, they were not at this time.

Monday, December 9, 2024, 1605 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Coopertown Road for the report of a **BOMB THREAT** inside of a warehouse there. Central Communications had received the threat from an unknown person who reported that, "a black male told me that there is a bomb somewhere in the warehouse." This was all the information that was provided to Central and the only information available to responding officers. Officers quickly evacuated several buildings in the area and also blocked traffic along Coopertown Road. The fire department and EMS were placed on standby and a request for bomb detecting dogs was broadcast to area law enforcement. After the buildings were evacuated, bomb dogs from the Burlington County Sheriff's Department and the New Jersey State Police, as well as officers from several agencies conducted a search of the buildings that were the subject of the threat. After an extensive search, no explosive devices were located. It was determined this call was a hoax. This case is under investigation by the Detective Division. If anyone has information regarding this false bomb threat, please contact Detective Lipiec.

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 1413 hours. Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for the report of **FRAUD and IDENTITY THEFT**. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who advised that he was made aware of an unknown person or persons filing tax returns in his name in order to receive tax refunds. He is unaware of who filed the false tax returns.

Thursday, December 12, 2024, 1107 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Creek Road, at the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission building, for the report of a 2 car **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH** involving a parked vehicle. Investigation revealed that as Vehicle #1 was leaving a parking stall, the driver turned his steering wheel too soon and struck Vehicle #2, which was unoccupied. No injuries were reported and information was taken to generate a crash report.

Friday, December 13, 2024, 1220 hours. Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for a report of a **FRAUD** that had occurred. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the victim who reported that she had money removed from her bank account for an Instacart delivery that she did not order, nor does she use Instacart. The victim's bank was notified and a report was generated.

Saturday, December 14, 2024, 1337 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 600 block of Mulberry Street for the report of a **BURGLARY** that had occurred earlier in the day. The victim reported that he had been on the NJ Transit River Line earlier. When he exited the train in Delanco, he noticed two other unknown males exit also. Approximately 1 hour later, the victim stated that the two males entered into his

unlocked residence and struck him in the head. It is unknown if anything was taken. EMS responded to the scene, however, the victim refused medical assistance. The victim then requested a ride from police to the bank, then to 7-11, which officers provided. This case is actively under investigation by the Detective Division.

Saturday, December 14, 2024, 1954 hours. Officers were dispatched to the unit block of Emery Way for a report of **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the victim who advised that a strand of his outside Christmas lights had been intentionally cut between the previous night and the time of the call. The victim further reports that this has happened numerous times prior to this date, and has also happened in past years. Video is being checked for images of the suspect(s).

Thursday, December 19, 2024, 1846 hours. Officers were dispatched to the area of Burlington Avenue and Cooper Street for the report of a 2 car **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH**. An investigation into the crash revealed that Vehicle #2 was operating eastbound on Burlington Avenue passing the Camp Meeting Grounds, when Vehicle #1 exited the parking lot and struck Vehicle #2 in the passenger side door, causing damage to both vehicles. No injuries were reported and information was taken to generate a crash report.

Friday, December 20, 2024, 1620 hours, Officers conducted a motor vehicle stop in the area of the Camp Meeting Grounds on Burlington Avenue for the offense of Operating a Vehicle with an Expired Registration. After making contact with the adult female driver, officers located several **WARRANTS** for her arrest out of several other jurisdictions. The female was taken into custody without incident and transported to Police Headquarters. While there, the female was processed according to departmental policy. Officers then contacted the jurisdictions where the warrants were out of. All three jurisdictions agreed to release the female on her own recognizance (ROR.) The female was advised of new court dates in those jurisdictions and issued a motor vehicle summons for Operating an Unregistered Vehicle. She was then provided a courtesy transport back to the Camp Meeting Grounds.