

DELANCO TOWNSHIP POLICE BLOTTER

Calls for Service - March, 2025	953
Investigation Reports	21
Motor Vehicle Crashes	9
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Arrests	5

Saturday, March 1, 2025, 1134 hours. Officers conducted a *MOTOR VEHICLE STOP* in the 500 block of Burlington Avenue for the offense of Driving an Unregistered Vehicle. A check of the driver's license revealed a failure to appear *WARRANT* out of Harrison Township for the subject's arrest. Officers contacted Harrison Township Municipal Court and was advised to collect the subject's current address and release him on his own recognizance (ROR.) The subject was processed on location and released pending a future court date. The subject was also issued a motor vehicle summons for the unregistered vehicle.

Saturday, March 1, 2025, 2307 hours. In the 800 block of Burlington Avenue, officers observed a black Ford Mustang exit the 7-11 parking lot onto Burlington Avenue without its headlights or taillights illuminated. The Mustang began traveling toward Beverly City at a rate of speed higher than the posted speed limit. While an officer was attempting to catch up with the Mustang, it passed a second vehicle over double, solid, yellow lines in the area of the Pearson School. The officer then activated his cruiser's overhead lights in order to initiate a motor vehicle stop. The Mustang continued to travel into Beverly with its lights off and refusing to stop for the officer's signal to stop. The pursuit was discontinued at this point. Officers then responded back to the 7-11 store to view security footage. They were able to observe a slim male wearing glasses, a hoodie and hat. He purchased items within the store, entered into the driver seat of the Mustang and left the parking lot. During the next few days, officers and detectives conducted an investigation, which led to identifying a suspect. An interview was conducted and probable cause was established to make an arrest for *ELUDING POLICE*. The suspect was processed, charged with Eluding, Reckless Driving, Careless Driving, Improper Passing, Violation of Marked Lanes, Operating an Unregistered Vehicle, and Operating with no

Lights. In accordance with New Jersey's Bail Reform law, the suspect was released on a summons pending Grand Jury and a future court date.

Monday, March 3, 2025, 1038 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 700 block of Burlington Avenue, at the Delanco Gas Station for the report of a 1-vehicle *MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH*. Upon arrival, officers were advised that as the fuel delivery truck was attempting to exit onto Walnut Street, the top front edge of the trailer struck the roof overhang on the building. There were no injuries reported and minor damage was noted. Information was taken to generate a crash report.

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 1513 hours. Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for the report of a walk-in *FRAUD* complaint. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the victim who reported that she was contacted by an online modeling agency. The agency sent the victim a check to deposit into her account, but then was instructed to transfer funds, buy Bitcoin, and then transfer that into a virtual wallet. When the victim attempted to withdrawal her portion of the check, she was notified that the check was fraudulent and that her bank accounts had been frozen. This case has been turned over to the Detective Division for further investigation.

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 2323 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 800 block of Burlington Avenue, at the 7-11 store, for the report of a **SHOPLIFTING** that had just occurred. It was reported that the suspect is a black male wearing a black vest and long sleeve black shirt. The suspect had selected a 24/7 Life Fast Charging wall charger, value of \$27.99, placed it in his pocket, then left the store without paying. He left on foot, heading toward Spruce and Chestnut Streets.

Thursday, March 6, 2025, 1103 hours. Officers were dispatched to West Avenue in the area of the Nature Trails for the report of an *ABANDONED ANIMAL*. Upon arrival, officers were met by employees of the Delanco Public Works Department who advised that they had located a dog that was tied to a tree. They were unable to locate the dog's owner in the area and it appeared that someone had just left the dog tied to the tree. The dog was turned over to animal control and an investigation was initiated. During the course of the investigation, officers were able to view cameras in the area. On camera, the officers were able to observe a red Dodge Charger arrive on location. A subject exited the vehicle with the dog, walked around the park for a short period of time, then tied the dog to a tree in the entrance to the Nature Trails. The suspect

then returned to the Charger, alone, and left the area. Using a series of area cameras, social media, citizen tips, and other investigative tools, a suspect was developed. An interview was conduct with this suspect and probable cause was developed to make an arrest. The suspect was charged with *ABANDONING AN ANIMAL* and *CRUELTY TO AN ANIMAL*. In accordance to New Jersey's Bail Reform law, the suspect was charged on a summons and released pending a future court date.

Saturday, March 8, 2025, 1714 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Rhawn Street for the report of a *STRONG-ARM ROBBERY* that had occurred there. Upon arrival, officers spoke to a juvenile victim and his parent. The victim reported that he had been jumped by 3 males, assaulted, had property stolen from him in the area of the 1 building. The victim stated that he did not know the suspects but was able to provide a description. He stated that the males then left toward the NJ Transit train station, also on Rhawn Street. Delanco officers and detectives, along with assistance from NJ Transit Police and Burlington City police, were able to make a positive identification on the suspects. This case is still open and upon completion of this investigation, charges are expected to be filed.

Monday, March 10, 0803 hours. An officer assigned to a crossing post at the intersection of Cooper and Hickory Streets observed a 3-car *MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH* occur. The driver of Vehicle #3 came to a stop prior to the crosswalk because he thought the officer was going to cross the street. Vehicle #2 was able to stop behind Vehicle #3, however, Vehicle #1 was not able to stop and struck Vehicle #2 in the rear, which then pushed Vehicle #2 into the rear of Vehicle #3. Driver #1 was issued a motor vehicle summons for Careless Driving, Driver #2 was issued a motor vehicle summons for an Expired Registration, and Driver #3 was issued a motor vehicle summons for Delaying Traffic. Information was taken to generate a crash report.

Monday, March 10, 2025, 1152 hours. Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for the report of a walk-in *FRAUD* investigation. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the victim who reported that he had received an email from a loan agency advising him that he had an outstanding debt of over \$18,000. He further advised that he had called the phone number associated with the email and that the person on the other side was asking him for personal information. He was then advised that there had been some mix up and that he did not owe that amount of money. He then ended the phone call. The victim was advised to keep an eye on his bank and credit accounts, notify them that he may have been a fraud victim, and also to place a fraud alert on his credit report. Information was taken to generate a report.

Monday, March 10, 2025, 1225 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Creek Road for the report of a *MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH*. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the drivers of both vehicles and were advised that a third vehicle had been involved but fled the scene. It was reported that Vehicle #1, the vehicle that fled, had been operating in a reckless manner for quite a distance. Vehicle #1 then illegally passed Vehicle #2 in the area of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission building, ran Vehicle #2 of the road, which caused Vehicle #2 to Strike Vehicle #3, which was stopped while exiting the NJ MVC parking lot. A partial registration was given for Vehicle #1, described as a black Cadillac with a New Jersey registration, however, officers were unable to match the partial tag number with any vehicle. Investigation is ongoing. Information was taken to generate a crash report.

Thursday, March 13, 2025, 1103 hours. Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for a walk-in *FRAUD* report. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the victim who reported that he received multiple telephone calls from a subject who stated that his company had been hired to monitor fraudulent credit card activity. This caller was able to provide the victim with his own personal information, detailed information on his current credit cards, and also on several new credit cards. The victim was also told by the caller that they would be able to pay off the credit card due to the fraudulent activity. The victim was given information regarding identity theft, advised to monitor his bank and credit card accounts, and also to place a fraud alert on his credit report. This case was turned over to the Detective Division for further investigation.

Thursday, March 13, 2025, 1300 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 1300 block of Burlington Avenue, at the M. Joan Pearson Elementary School, for the report of an adult male *TRESPASSING* on the property. Upon arrival, it was reported to officers that an Hispanic male approached the school building in the area of the gymnasium doors. Although the doors are locked, a student let the male inside, thinking that he was an employee. Once entering the school, the male walked through the lobby to the hallway. There he paused, looked around, and then exited the building. He was in the building less that 30 seconds and did not make contact with anyone inside. He then left the building and entered into the driver side of a vehicle, then left the property. Officers were able to obtain the registration of the vehicle and after an investigation were able to positively identify the male. The male was charged with trespassing and released pending a future court date.

Saturday, March 15, 2025, 2039 hours. *MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH*. Officers in the area of Burlington Avenue and Holly Street observed an illegally parked vehicle. Due to that vehicle possibly causing a traffic hazard, officers requested the driver to move the vehicle. The driver did so, however, as he was backing into a legal parking spot, he backed into a parked vehicle. Information was taken to generate a crash report.

Sunday, March 16, 2025, 2116 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of Burlington Avenue for the report of a *BURGLARY* to a motor vehicle. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the victims who stated that they had heard voices outside of their residence, then heard their car alarm activate. They looked outside and observed what appeared to be flashlights inside of their vehicle. A check of the area failed to produce any suspects. No forced entry was observed, and the victims reported that it did not appear that anything was taken from the vehicle. Information was taken to generate a report.

Thursday, March 20, 2025, 0258 hours. An officer was on patrol, but in a stationary position in the 1300 block of Burlington Avenue when he heard a car door closing in the 1200 block of Burlington Avenue. When he looked over, he was able to observe a subject near a vehicle and the subject began walking away. The officer was able to detain the subject, and was also able to confirm that he had committed at least 1 vehicle *BURGLARY*. The subject was taken into custody and transported to Police Headquarters. At HQ, the subject was processed and charged accordingly. Due to New Jersey's Bail Reform Law, the subject was released on a summons with a future court date.

Thursday, March 20, 2025, 1026 hours. Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for a walk-in complaint for *HARASSMENT*. The victim reported that he was being harassed online by his son's neighbor, who is angered by his son's political affiliation. The victim further stated that this subject has made slanderous statements against him and his place of business online, and that his son has also been a victim of his harassment. The victim wished to sign complaints. He was provided with an affidavit of probable cause, which he completed. The affidavit of probable cause was forwarded to the court for a probable cause determination. If probable cause is found, a complaint for harassment will be generated and served upon the suspect.

Sunday, March 30, 2025, 1347 hours. Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Burlington Avenue for the report of *CRIMINAL MISHCHIEF* to a motor vehicle. Upon arrival, the victim

stated that an acquaintance had driven passed his house and threw an item out of his vehicle that struck the windshield of the victim's vehicle and broke it. The victim stated that he wished to sign a complaint for the damage to his vehicle. He was provided with an affidavit of probable cause, which he completed. The affidavit was forwarded to the court for a probable cause hearing. If probable cause is found, a complaint will be generated and served upon the suspect.