

## 9/10/24 DELANCO POLICE BLOTTER

Monday, August 12, 2024, 1752 hours, Officers were dispatched to the 600 Block of Parkview Drive for the report of a **FRAUD**. The victim reported that she had attempted to sign up for a paid streaming service via telephone. The male on the telephone had told the victim to buy several Target gift cards in order to sign up for the streaming service. The victim purchased 3 cards, totaling \$1,000. After not receiving the services that she believed she had purchased, she realized that she had been scammed and contacted police. This is an active investigation.

**DO NOT** purchase gift cards when asked to do so by a solicitor on the telephone. Also, do not give out personal information, such as name, address, dates of birth, social security numbers, credit card numbers, or bank account information to solicitors who call you. If you feel you have been scammed this way, contact the police to make a report and start an investigation. The officers can advise you other precautions that you need to take.

Another common scam is for the scammer to call a residence and advise the person who answers the phone that their relative has been arrested, been in an accident, or be involved in some other unfortunate event. The scammers then advise that they need a certain amount of money for bail or treatment. The victim will wire money to them, or purchase gift cards in order to help the relative. This scam is usually pulled on elderly people, however, it can happen to anybody. Please be cautious of anyone who calls and asks you to wire money or to buy gift cards and provide them with the card numbers.

Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 1249 hours, Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Creek Road, and the Motor Vehicle Commission parking lot, for a 2 car **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH**. One vehicle was driving through the parking lot, within a marked lane, when a second vehicle pulled out from a parking space and struck the front passenger side of the first vehicle. No injuries were reported. Officers generated a crash report.

Thursday, August 15, 2024, 1000 hours, Officers were dispatched to the unit block of Shad Court for the report of a **BURGLARY and THEFT** from a motor vehicle that had occurred overnight. The victim stated that sometime overnight, an unknown person or persons entered her unlocked vehicle and stole several items, including her purse and its contents, and a book. Officers attempted to locate security video of the area, however, were unable to do so. This case was turned over to the detective division for further investigation.

Saturday, August 17, 2024, 1726 hours, Officers were dispatched to the 600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue for a 2 car **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH** involving a parked vehicle. Vehicle #1 was traveling on Pennsylvania Avenue when it struck Vehicle #2, which was unoccupied and legally parked along the curb.

Vehicle #1 was inoperable and had to be towed from the scene. Vehicle #2 was also inoperable but left on location at the request of the owner's insurance company. Driver #1 was issued a summons for careless driving. No injuries were reported. Officers generated a crash report.

Monday, August 19, 2024, 1200 hours, Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for the report of a **FRAUD**. The walk-in victim stated that he had received mail from "Publisher's Clearing House" advising him that he had won a large amount of money. In order to claim his winnings, the victim was advised to send out several checks with the "pay to the order of" line left blank. The checks, which totaled over \$13,000, were to cover the taxes for the IRS taxes on the winnings. After realizing that he had been a victim of fraud, he attempted to cancel the checks that he had written, however, they had already cleared his bank. This case was turned over to the Detective Division and is an open investigation.

Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 1504 hours, Officers were dispatched to the area of State Route 130 southbound and Fellowship Boulevard for a report of a **HIT AND RUN MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH** involving 2 vehicles. Driver of Vehicle #2 advised officers that he had been traveling southbound in the righthand lane. Vehicle #1 then encroached into his lane, struck the side of his vehicle and forced him off of the road where he then struck a guard rail. Vehicle #1 was described as a white SUV and left the scene, continuing southbound on Route 130. No tag number was able to be obtained. Driver #2 sustained a laceration to his head as a result of the crash. Officers generated a crash report and are still seeking information on the white SUV that fled the scene.

Thursday, August 22, 2024, 1625 hours, Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of West Avenue for the report of a **THEFT**. The victim stated that he had a cell phone delivered to his residence today and that it had been stolen from his front porch in the afternoon. Officers took a report and turned the investigation over to the Detective Division. The assigned detective advised that the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office has an open investigation into a cell phone theft ring operating within the county. This theft is currently under investigation by the Delanco Police Detective Unit as well as the Prosecutor's Office.

Sunday, August 25, 2024, 0105 hours, Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Burlington Avenue for an **ASSAULT** that had occurred. It was reported to officers that during the course of a verbal argument a female struck a male in the face, causing the male to suffer bleeding from the mouth. During the course of the investigation, officers developed probable cause to arrest the female party. She was taken into custody without incident and transported to Police Headquarters. She was processed according to departmental policy, charged with Simple Assault, and released with a future court date.

Sunday, August 25, 2024, 1623 hours, Officers were dispatched to the unit block of Shipps Way for a report of a **FOUND BICYCLE**. The caller reported that she had located a bicycle in her yard that was not hers. She thought that the bicycle may be stolen because it had been spray painted. Officers checked the serial number on the bicycle, but it had not been reported stolen. There were no other registration numbers or stickers and the owner is unknown. Officers took possession of the bicycle and transported it to Police Headquarters where it will be stored until the owner claims it.

Thursday, August 29, 2024, 0729 hours, Officers were dispatched to the 700 block of Hickory Street for a report of **FOUND PROPERTY**. The caller reported that she had located a black electric scooter on her lawn. Officers checked the serial number of the scooter, but it had not been reported stolen. Officers took possession of the scooter and transported it to Police Headquarters where it will be stored until the owner claims it.

Thursday, August 29, 2024, Officers were dispatched the 700 block of Chestnut Street for the report of a **BURGLARY** to an unoccupied dwelling. Upon arrival and meeting with the property's emergency contact, officers made entry into the dwelling. While systematically clearing the dwelling, officers located a subject behind a locked door. The subject was ordered to exit the room with his hands up, which he did without incident. The subject did not have permission to be inside of the dwelling and was taken into custody. He was transported to Police Headquarters where he was processed according to policy. He was charged with Trespassing, Burglary, and Criminal Mischief. The subject will have to appear in court on a future date.

Friday, August 30, 2024, 2019 hours, Officers were dispatched to the unit block of Denning Lane for a report of a **FRAUD**. The victim advised officers that earlier he had been at a restaurant and picked up food. Soon thereafter, the restaurant had contacted him and advised that a 3<sup>rd</sup> party had attempted to use his debit card to buy food. The card had been declined. The 3<sup>rd</sup> party then paid cash and left the restaurant. The victim still had his debit card on his person, but stated that a person had been kneeling down near him, tying his shoe. It is possible that this person had a card reading device and copied his card information. Information was turned over to the Detective Division for further investigation.

Friday, August 30, 2024, 2040 hours, Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Washington Street for the report of **TERRORISTIC THREATS**. The caller reported that he had been threatened by a family member over the telephone. The caller advised that he wished to sign complaints. After completing a probable cause form, a municipal court judge found probable cause for the issuance of a complaint for terroristic threats. The suspect in this case will be required to appear in court at a later date.

Saturday, August 31, 2024, 0920 hours, Officers were conducting traffic enforcement in the area of the Pearson School when the officers observed a vehicle pass their location being operated by a subject known to have an active **WARRANT** out for his arrest. A motor vehicle stop was conducted and contact

was made with the driver. Officers were able to confirm that the warrant was active and the driver was taken into custody without incident. He was transported to Police Headquarters and processed according to departmental policy. The court administrator was contacted and authorized the subject to be ROR'd (released on own recognizance) with a future court date. He was also issued traffic summonses for Unregistered Vehicle, Improper Display of a License Plate, and Failure to Produce Documents.

Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 1728 hours, Officers were dispatched to Police Headquarters for a walk in complaint of **HARASSMENT**. The walk in advised officers that her juvenile child is being harassed by multiple people, including both juveniles and adults, and that she wished to sign complaints against them. Officers took a report, provided the complainant with affidavits of probable cause to be filled out by her, and then forwarded the affidavits to the municipal court to determine if probable cause exists for the issuance of charges in this case.

Thursday, September 5, 2024, 0011 hours, Officers were dispatched to the 7-11 Store, located at 801 Burlington Avenue for a report of a **SHOPLIFTING** that had just occurred. The clerk advised officers that an unknown subject had removed a cell phone stand, asked how much it was, then attempted to place the phone stand in his pocket. When he noticed a security camera, he walked away from the counter to the rear of the store, where he then placed the item in his pocket, apparently not knowing he was still on security camera. The subject then purchased a separate item, left the store, entered a vehicle, then left location on Burlington Avenue heading toward Beverly. The clerk was able to provide a good description of the subject and his vehicle, including the tag number. Through the investigation, and with the assistance of Riverside and Westampton Police Officers, Delanco Officers were able to positively identify the suspect. Charges are pending against this shoplifter.