

May 2022 Press Releases:

5/2- Officers responded to the area of the Auto Zone Parking Lot for a suspicious vehicle. When the officer approached the driver side window, the driver was found to be asleep. The male driver would not wake up after multiple attempts of banging on the window. When the officer opened the driver's side door, the driver woke up. The driver was identified as Nicholas Jonathon Merino, 27, of Clementon. During the course of the investigation, Merino was found to be in possession of a vial of crystal meth. He was placed under arrest. Once back at police headquarters, the officer located a wax fold of heroin in his boot. Merino was charged with two (2) counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on a summons with a Superior Court Date.

5/3- Officers responded to the parking lot across from Bellmawr Storage for a report of a theft of a catalytic converter. Sometime overnight, an unknown actor cut the catalytic converter from one of the Penske Trucks.

5/3- A white male with dark hair, unshaven, with a dark hoodie stole approximately \$200 worth of shrimp in a handheld cart from the Shoprite.

5/6- Officers responded to Gaetano's Restaurant for a report of a stolen catalytic converter. The victim gave a description of a possible suspect. A white male driving a white van with Pennsylvania tags. A short time later, Bellmawr Police received a call for a possible robbery in progress in the area of Princeton Ave. There was no robbery but Bellmawr Officers located a male underneath a vehicle attempting to cut a catalytic converter. The male was driving a white van with Pennsylvania tags. Officers located our victim's catalytic converter. Scott J. Myers, 34, of Philadelphia was arrested and charged with two (2) counts of theft and criminal mischief. He was remanded to the Camden County Jail on all of his charges.

5/6- Officers responded to the 100 block of MacAdams Way for a report of a stolen bicycle. Sometime overnight, an unknown actor entered the victim's yard and stole four (4) bicycles from the residence.

5/10- Officers responded to the Shoprite for a report of a male and female shoplifting numerous bags of frozen shrimp by placing them in their reusable shopping bags. Stephanie Clair Sherwin, 39, of Camden and Steminto Isaiah Rowe-Akins, 27, of Camden concealed approximately \$390.00 worth of frozen shrimp. The two were placed under arrest and charged with 4th degree Shoplifting. Sherwin and Rowe-Akins were identified as actors in three (3) other shopliftings. They were charged with all four and released on a summons with a Superior Court Date.

5/11- Officers responded to the Shoprite for a shoplifting. Two suspects attempted to carry out two (2) grill boxes. The loss prevention officer was able to recover one (1) of the grills. As he went to confront the other suspect, the first male pulled what appeared to be a knife out of his back pocket. The two suspects then got into a vehicle and fled the scene. During the course of this investigation, Detectives were able to identify one of the suspects. A warrant has been issued for the male.

5/13- Officers responded to the Westbrook Bowling Alley for a dispute. During the course of the investigation, Kevin Ryan Lee, 34, of Bellmawr was placed under arrest after failing to comply with police. He was charged with disorderly conduct and released with a Municipal court date.

5/14-During the course of an investigation of shoplifting, Thomas Gaffney, 45, of Gloucester City was identified as a suspect. Gaffney is observed on video using the self-checkout line to pay for items. After passing the point of sale, he then places a patio heater lamp into his cart, which he does not pay for, and exits the store. Gaffney was charged with shoplifting and mailed a summons.

5/16- Officers responded to the Rite Aid for a shoplifting. Robert Malinowski, 45, of Gloucester City was found to have concealed items from Rite Aid and Wawa. He was placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters. He was also found to have an active warrant for his arrest. He was remanded to the Camden County Jail.

5/18- Officers responded to the Wawa for a report of a shoplifting. A white female entered the refrigerator area and used the stock cart to load up Red Bull products. She exited the employee entrance/exit and placed the items into a waiting vehicle, possibly a white Volkswagen Jetta. The worth of the items taken is approximately \$1,000.00. Police were able to identify the female as Taylor Falcone. She was charged with the 3rd degree shoplifting.

5/20- Irvin William Campbell, 66, of Deptford was involved in a motor vehicle crash on Rt. 130 South. During the course of the investigation, Campbell was found to be operating the vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. He was placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters where he was found to have a B.A.C. of 0.15%. He was charged with driving while intoxicated and other motor vehicle summonses. He was processed and released to a sober adult.

5/21- Jacob John Spellman, 43, of National Park was stopped for a motor vehicle violation in the area of the East Traffic Circle. During the course of the stop the accused was believed to be under the influence of alcohol and/or narcotics. Spellman refused to perform field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. He was transported to police headquarters where he refused to provide breath samples. He was charged with driving under influence, refusal to submit to breath testing, and numerous other motor vehicle violations. He was processed and released to a sober adult.

5/23- Sometime between May 21st-May 23rd, two (2) catalytic converters were cut from two (2) vehicles in the area of the Auto Zone Parking Lot.

5/23- A black male, driving a large black SUV, told the gas attendant at Wawa that he wanted to pump his own gas. After pumping his own gas, the male got into his vehicle and left without paying. The vehicle was last seen north on Rt. 130.

5/24- Officers responded to the Thomas Company on Old Salem Road for a vehicle theft. Video surveillance shows that at 9:13pm on May 23rd, an unknown male jumps the fence into the lot. Then, at 10:05pm, the male drives a vehicle through the gate. It was also determined the suspect cut two (2) catalytic converters from other vehicles.

5/28 Officers responded to the Rite Aid for a shoplifting. A white male wearing a hat, long sleeved gray shirt, dark jeans, white shoes, and a chin strap beard concealed over \$500 worth of merchandise in a blue Walmart bag.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE ABOVE LISTED CRIMES, WE ASK THAT YOU CONTACT THE BROOKLAWN POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 856-456-0750 EXT. 110.

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