

March 2024 Press Releases:

3/1- Officers responded to a theft of gas from Wawa. A white Semi-Truck without a trailer, driven by a black male in a black wave cap, black hoodie, and black sweatpants, received \$195.00 worth of diesel gas and left without paying.

3/1- While at Wawa, an officer was informed of a vehicle that had received gas and had fled without paying. A white male driving a black Honda Accord fled after pumping he pumped \$30.00 of gas. The male wore a black ski mask, black hoodie, and red pants.

3/3- Officers responded to Wawa for a report of approximately 30 people running through the store stealing items. Numerous other agencies responded to assist. As officers arrived, numerous vehicles fled the parking lot. Officers were able to get the license plates of the fleeing vehicles. This investigation is ongoing.

3/3- A male took a receipt from a trashcan in Shoprite; he then went into the store, selected the items from the receipt, went to customer service, and returned them for a gift card from Shoprite. The male used the gift card to purchase other items. Shoprite Loss Prevention stopped the male before he left the store and got all the items back; the male then fled the store. A Bellmawr Officer located the male in the parking lot. He was turned over to a Brooklawn Officer, who located a crack pipe on the suspect. Devon Thomas Sasportas, 29, of Woodbury, was placed under arrest and charged with Shoplifting and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was released on a summons.

3/6- A white male in his late 20s/early 30s with a brown beard, wearing a green and blue flannel, jeans, and a white baseball hat, entered Rite Aid and placed \$432.64 worth of dental hygiene items, electronic massagers, and laundry detergent into the shopping basket. He then left the store and was last seen walking toward Kings Hwy.

3/7- A motor vehicle theft was reported from the Empire Sports Bar. The victim left her wallet on a table and walked away from it. An unidentified female walked over to the table and took the purse. She then went out to the parking lot, located the victim's vehicle, and drove away.

3/9- Officers responded to the Empire Sports Bar for a report of shots fired. Numerous other agencies responded. The firearm struck no one, but countless people were outside of the bar when it occurred. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the shooters had been escorted out of the bar early in the night and made a threat to come back and "shoot up the bar." A suspect was identified as Angel M. Mendoza, 39, of Camden. Mendoza was charged with Aggerated Assault, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Possession of a Firearm for Unlawful Purpose, Certain Persons not to have a Firearm, and Criminal Mischief. A warrant was issued for Mendoza's arrest. The other suspect has yet to be charged.

3/13- Gianna Katherine Bruzzese, 27, of Bellmawr, was arrested for shoplifting a cake valued at \$24.99 from Shoprite. She was processed and charged with shoplifting. She was released on a summons.

3/14- An officer observed a male at Wawa he knew to have an active warrant for his arrest. Harry Buck Walker, 26, of Pine Hill, was placed under arrest. Walker was found to be in possession of a crack pipe and 12 suboxone films. Walker was charged with possession of CDS and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on a summons and was provided a new court date for his warrant.

3/17- During the course of an investigation of simple assault at the Brooklawn Shopping Center, Scott Gordon Scherer, 44, of Mount Royal, was found to be trespassing in the woods behind the shopping center and had warrants for his arrest. He was charged with defiant trespassing, and released on a summons and turned over to East Greenwich Twp Police for his warrants.

3/21- An officer responded to Rite Aid for a male who was sleeping in their restroom for approximately 2 hours. Mark Allen Killmaier, 51, of Pittsgrove, was located in the bathroom with a 4-pack of eaten Snack Pack Puddings by his head. At this time, it was unknown if he had stolen the item from the store since the store was unable to access the security footage. A short time later, Rite Aid informed police that the male had stolen the pudding. Later in the day, Killmaier was located walking on Browning Lane and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. He was placed under arrest, processed, and charged with shoplifting.

3/21- During the course of an investigation of theft at Wawa, officers came into contact with Carter Elliot Booth, 25, of Hamilton. Booth was found to not be involved with the theft, but officers located a wax fold of heroin on his person and two empty vials used to contain crack cocaine. He was placed under arrest, processed, and charged with possession of CDS and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on a summons.

3/25- Officers responded to the Brooklawn Shopping Center for a male asleep at the wheel. During the course of the interaction, officers located numerous small empty heat-sealed bags commonly used to store narcotics. Kenneth Bostic, 65, of Philadelphia, was placed under arrest and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and also charged with driving under the influence. He was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

3/29- Shoprite reported that a Hispanic male stole \$35.00 worth of laundry detergent and dish soap. He fled on foot towards Rt. 130. Officers were unable to locate the male.

3/30- Rite Aid reported a white female in her 30s wearing gray leggings, a black jacket, and black Uggs stole \$96.92 worth of Easter baskets and candy. She fled the store in a black Toyota Camry in an unknown direction.

**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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