

September 2024 Press Release:

9/3- Officers were dispatched to the Indigo parking lot for a report of a stolen motor vehicle. The victim stated that his vehicle had been left unlocked and running while he was inside the establishment. Surveillance footage revealed a black sedan with Pennsylvania tags arriving at the scene. A black male exited the passenger side of the sedan and stole the vehicle. The suspect was described as wearing a black hood, gray jacket, light blue jeans, and black and white shoes. The stolen vehicle has been entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database.

9/7- Officers responded to Rite Aid for a reported shoplifting incident. The suspect took items from the shelf and falsely returned them, receiving store credit. Officers located the suspect, identified as Janet Ayeboua, 44, of Washington, D.C., at the Rodeway Inn. Following a review of evidence, Ayeboua was arrested, processed, and released on a summons with a pending court date.

9/7- Officers received a phone call at police headquarters reporting a female sleeping in the gazebo located at Noreg Place. Upon arrival, the caller presented a video showing the female urinating in the gazebo. After reviewing the footage, officers were able to identify the individual as Stephanie Ruiz, 46, of Brooklawn. Ruiz was charged with disturbing the peace under section 113-4 of the local ordinance.

9/8- Officers responded to Petco for a reported shoplifting. Employees informed officers that a black male with short braids and a black female with a ponytail, both wearing all black, were seen using a shopping cart to load seven bags of Purina Pro Plan dog food. The suspects ran out of the store and entered a blue Chrysler Caravan, heading toward Route 130 North. The estimated value of the stolen merchandise was approximately \$600.

9/8- Officers were dispatched to a report of a male who was and laying on the ground. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the caller, who pointed out the individual in question. The male, identified as John Drummond, 58, of Bellmawr, was found urinating near the fencing. Drummond was issued a B.O. for disturbing the peace under local ordinance.

9/10- Officers responded to Indigo Dispensary for a report of two individuals making threatening statements. According to store personnel, two Middle Eastern males entered the dispensary, providing Israeli passports for identification. While assisting the suspects, the employee asked what brought them to America. The suspects reportedly replied, "To kill everyone." After completing their transactions, the suspects exited the store and left the parking lot in a silver Dodge Ram with an unknown New Jersey registration. In response to the incident, the Camden County Prosecutor's Office Homeland Security Unit and the New Jersey State Police (NJSP) Statewide Anti-Terrorism and Response (SARS) Unit were notified for further investigation.

9/12- Officers were contacted by a resident who provided a picture of an individual lying in the bushes at the Brooklawn Methodist Church. After further investigation, it was determined that the individual in question was Stephanie Ruiz, 46, of Brooklawn. Following Ruiz's departure from the area, officers located three bottles of alcohol and one blue Gatorade bottle containing alcohol in the same bushes where she had been lying. As a result, Ruiz was issued summonses for consumption of alcohol in public and disturbing the peace under local ordinances.

9/12- Officer observed a black Dodge Challenger operating erratically on New Broadway. The vehicle was seen passing other motor vehicles in an unsafe manner. At one point, the Challenger came directly toward the officer in a head-on fashion. Officer attempted to close the distance and followed the vehicle into Westville, proceeding onto Route 130 South. The officer was unable to identify the vehicle's license plate or discern the occupant(s) of the vehicle.

9/12- During a motor vehicle stop, officers identified a passenger, Chelsea Olson, 28, of Gloucester City, as having an active warrant out of Gloucester City. Olson was placed under arrest. A search incident to arrest revealed multiple items of drug paraphernalia in her purse, including heat-sealed bags, a glassine bag, and a vial. Olson was processed, charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, and released on a summons with a pending court date.

9/12- Officers observed a vehicle driving on New Broadway with a blown front passenger-side tire, causing sparks to emit from the wheel. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, identified as Jacob Pennington, 29, of Brooklawn, was subjected to standardized field sobriety tests, which he failed. Pennington was arrested and later consented to a breath sample, revealing a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.22%. Pennington was charged with driving under the influence and issued a summons with a pending court date.

9/12- Following an investigation at Petco, David Newcomb, 42, of Gloucester City, was charged with theft for taking \$408.70 in cash from the register.

9/15- Officers were dispatched to Rite Aid regarding a reported shoplifting in progress. Upon arrival, the suspect had already fled the scene. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 5'7" with a thin build, in his mid-30s, wearing a black t-shirt. He also had tattoos visible on his neck. The suspect was seen loading a basket with socks, deodorant, and batteries, valued at approximately \$248.00. The store manager confronted the suspect, who then dropped the items and exited the store. The suspect then entered a black pickup truck with an extended cab and fled the area. No further information on the make, model, or license plate of the vehicle is available.

9/16- Officers were dispatched to ShopRite for a reported shoplifting incident. Upon arrival, officers learned that a white male, described as being in his late 30s, with a tattoo on his left arm, had exited the store without paying for merchandise. The suspect is further described as wearing an orange and black hat, a black shirt, black shorts, and white and black shoes. The suspect took approximately \$100.00 worth of t-shirts and fled the scene on foot.

9/17- Officers located Stephen Mass, 61, of Camden, smoking in Memorial Park. An open beer can was observed near his feet. Mass was found to have an active warrant out of Westville and was placed under arrest. He was processed and issued two summonses for borough ordinance violations, including prohibited consumption of alcohol. Mass was released with a pending court date.

9/18- Officers were dispatched to 5th Street for a report of trespassing. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the caller and the accused, Jamey Hopkins, 49, of Camden. The caller provided video footage showing Hopkins in the backyard attempting to take scrap metal from a dumpster. Hopkins admitted to being on the property today to take scrap metal. As a result, he was charged with trespassing.

9/18- Officers were dispatched to Wawa for a report of possible shoplifting. During the investigation, Richard Catalano, 29, of Long Branch, was found to have four active warrants for his arrest. A search incident to arrest revealed a small zip-lock bag of cocaine, a small plastic vial of cocaine, and an empty blue wax paper stamped "Black Widow." Catalano was transported to headquarters, provided RORs for his warrants, and charged with possession of CDS and drug paraphernalia. He was released with a pending court date.

9/18- A victim came to police headquarters to report a vehicle burglary that occurred overnight. The victim stated that his vehicle, which had been parked on the 200 block of Hannevig Ave, was broken into. The stolen items included a Michael Kors watch valued at \$100, loose change totaling approximately \$10.00, and an empty wallet. The victim acknowledged leaving the car unlocked when it was parked at around 2200 hours. He discovered the burglary at approximately 0445 hours when he returned to the vehicle.

9/24- A victim came to police headquarters to report that his vehicle had been targeted for a catalytic converter theft. The victim stated he parked his vehicle on the street on the 200 Block of 5th Street at approximately 1800 hours the previous evening. When the victim went to his vehicle the next day around 1200 hours, he noticed a metal clamp on the ground next to the car. Upon starting the vehicle, he immediately noticed it was louder than usual, prompting him to check under the vehicle. It was at this point that he discovered the catalytic converter had been cut out and stolen from underneath the car.

9/25- Officers responded to ShopRite for a reported shoplifting incident. The suspect, a white male wearing a blue hoodie and dark-colored shorts, entered the store and concealed multiple Dove products, valued at approximately \$195.00. As the suspect attempted to exit the store through the entrance vestibule, he was confronted by the Loss Prevention Officer (LPO), who recovered the stolen merchandise. The male suspect then fled on foot and entered an older, light-colored vehicle.

9/28- Officers were dispatched to Railroad Ln for a report of a stolen tricycle. The victim stated that she had stored her tricycle behind some bushes between the American Legion and the train tracks. When the victim returned to the location, she discovered that the tricycle was no longer where she had left it.

9/28- Following an investigation into a shoplifting incident at Wawa, Kyeeth Smith, 33, of Willingboro, was charged with theft after stealing \$25.00 worth of items.

9/30- Officers were dispatched to Planet Fitness in response to a report of a stolen electric bike. Upon arrival, the victim stated that he had ridden his electric bike to the gym and was in the process of securing it to a sign pole. While locking the bike, he was approached by an unknown black male. The male asked if he could try the bike and then fled on foot toward Route 130 North. After reviewing surveillance footage from the gym, the suspect is described as a light-skinned black male, appearing to be in his mid-20s to early 30s. He had a goatee and mustache and was wearing blue pants, a green and white hoodie, green sneakers, a hat, and carrying a backpack. The footage shows the suspect jumping on the bike and fleeing the area toward Route 130.

Warrant Arrests:

Shawn Richardson, 34, of Clementon

Timothy Bedford, 62, of Galloway

George Elmer, 47, of Audubon

Tara Brooks, 53, of Glassboro

Ronnie Tarpley, 47, of Westville

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