

Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases

April 26 – May 2, 2023

Residents are reminded to remove any valuables from unoccupied vehicles and remember to lock your vehicle's doors.

*****DO NOT LEAVE KEYS IN VEHICLES! *****

23MN16155 – Theft

On Tuesday, May 2, 2024, at approximately 9:58 p.m., a 19-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) stole a Nintendo Switch, valued at approximately \$340.00, from a Shinnecock Road residence sometime between March 5 and May 2, 2023. Patrolman Douglas Zike handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

23MN16071 – Fraud

On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at approximately 10:56 a.m., a 40-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor made fraudulent charges on a State of New Jersey issued food stamp card in Maryland on May 1, 2023, in the amount of \$968.20. Patrolman Anthony Cascella handled the report.

23MN15945 – Fraud

On Monday, May 1, 2023, at approximately 12:57 p.m., a 63-year-old Manalapan Resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) made fraudulent credit card purchases in the amount of \$839.01. Patrolman Edward Burns handled the report.

23MN15859 – Terroristic Threats

On Sunday, April 30, 2023, at approximately 7:29 p.m., a 45-year-old Freehold resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being threatened by an unknown actor while at a business located on Route 33. Patrol Officer Valerie Vacchiano handled the report.

23MN15855 – Theft

On Sunday, April 30, 2023, at approximately 6:20 p.m., employees of the Enrite Gasoline Station, located at 140 Route 33 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor(s) purchased gasoline for their vehicle in the amount of \$51.11 on April 15, 2023, and the card was later declined. The unknown actor(s) advised the employees that they would return the following day to pay for the gas, but never returned with the payment. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro handled the report.

23MN15692 – Theft / Fraud

On Saturday, April 29, 2023, at approximately 3:29 p.m., a 34-year-old Jackson resident reported that an unknown actor(s) had stolen their cell phone and accessed their banking account information while at Smithburg Road residence. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

23MN15599 – Driving While Intoxicated

On Friday, April 28, 2023, at approximately 11:58 p.m., Yannah Mazzini, a 57-year-old, widowed, self-employed, female resident of Atlantic Highlands, was found to be driving while intoxicated after a motor vehicle stop on Route 9 in Manalapan. Ms. Mazzini was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where she was processed and released after being issued summonses. Patrolman Ryan Brady was the arresting officer.

23MN15663 – Simple Assault

On Friday, April 28, 2023, at approximately 10:10 a.m., a 44-year-old Howell resident reported being assaulted during a road rage incident by a 50-year-old Freehold Township resident, resulting in minor injuries. This incident is pending the signing of complaints. Patrolman Edward Burns handled the incident.

23MN15577 – Terroristic Threats

On Friday, April 28, 2023, at approximately 10:21 p.m., a 38-year-old Englishtown resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported receiving harassing and threatening phone calls from an unknown actor. Patrolman Michael DeCristofaro handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

23MN15529 – Harassment

On Friday, April 28, 2023, at approximately 4:00 p.m., a 64-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor attempted to blackmail them in an attempt to obtain money. No monetary loss was reported as a result of this incident. Patrol Officer Valerie Vacchiano handled the report.

23MN15505 – Theft / Fraud

On Friday, April 28, 2023, at approximately 1:32 p.m., a 34-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) had gained access to their bank account and withdrew \$18,715.00. Patrolman Ross Dessel handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

23MN15216 – Harassment

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at approximately 7:23 p.m., a 46-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being harassed by an unknown actor after the sale of property. Patrolman Christopher Schou handled the report.

23MN15215 – Harassment

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at approximately 7:06 p.m., an 18-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an individual (age unknown) had been harassing them via social media. Patrolman Christopher Capuzzo handled the report.

23MN15207 – Harassment

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at approximately 5:12 p.m., a 24-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported being harassed by an unknown actor via social media. Patrolman John Lightbody handled the report.

23MN14170 – Endangering the Welfare of a Child

On Thursday, April 20, 2023, at approximately 6:00 a.m., Jake Melman, a 22-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Manalapan, who is employed as an umpire, was arrested and charged with possession of child sexual abuse material. The arrest was made as the result of an investigation conducted by Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. On that date, members of the task force executed a search warrant at the residence of Jake Melman after a lengthy child sexual abuse material investigation. The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force consists of members of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, the Manalapan Township Police Department, the Bradley Beach Police Department, the Tinton Falls Police Department, and the Highlands Boro Police Department. The investigation revealed that Jake Melman possessed, viewed, and downloaded items depicting child sexual abuse material. Mr. Melman was placed under arrest and subsequently transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters, where he was charged with third degree possession of child pornography (NJS 2C:24-4b(5)(b)(iii)). He was remanded to Monmouth County Correctional Institution pending a court appearance.