

**Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases**

**April 17 – April 23, 2024**

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

**\*\*\*DO NOT LEAVE KEY FOBS IN VEHICLES! \*\*\***

**24MN17837 – Structure Fire**

On Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at approximately 6:53 p.m., Patrolman Matthew Schwartz responded to a Tennent Road residence for a report of a tree fire that caused damage to the exterior of a residence. Gordons Corner Fire Company responded to the scene. The fire appeared to be accidental in nature. No injuries were reported as a result of this incident. Patrolman Matthew Schwartz handled the report.

**24MN17789 – Theft**

On Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at approximately 12:05 p.m., a 67-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and, reported that an unknown actor(s) stole property, valued at approximately \$50,000.00, from a Kimberly Court residence. Patrolman James Joiner handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

**24MN17685 – Shoplifting**

On Monday, April 22, 2024, at approximately 5:23 p.m., employees of Target, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that Michael Assante, a 42-year-old, unmarried, male, resident of Marlboro, who is employed as an electrician, shoplifted items valued at \$963.84. Mr. Assante was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and released after being issued a summons. Patrol Officer JeanMarie Kaminski was the arresting officer.

**24MN17678 – Warrant Arrest**

On Monday, April 22, 2024, at approximately 4:43 p.m., Kenneth Bell, a 58-year-old, unmarried, male, resident of Staten Island, New York, who is employed as a carpenter, was stopped on Woodward Road for a motor vehicle violation. Mr. Bell was found to have a warrant issued for his arrest by Middletown Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,500.00. Mr. Bell was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently released on his own recognizance. Patrol Officer Hope Barina was the arresting officer.

### **24MN17672 – Fraud**

On Monday, April 22, 2024, at approximately 3:35 p.m., a 65-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported an unknown actor(s) attempted to utilize their personal information to fraudulently withdraw \$2,500.00 from their bank account. Patrolman Matthew Schwartz handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **24MN17671 – Theft**

On Monday, April 22, 2024, at approximately 3:29 p.m., a 40-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) stole property, valued at approximately \$705.00, from the front porch of an Abilene Lane residence. Patrol Officer JeanMarie Kaminski handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **24MN17626 – Assault**

On Monday, April 22, 2024, at approximately 4:35 a.m., a 28-year-old Manalapan resident reported being assaulted by a 25-year-old Perth Amboy resident. No complaints were signed as a result of this incident. Patrolman Michael Decristofaro handled the report.

### **24MN17506 – Criminal Mischief**

On Sunday, April 21, 2024, at approximately 11:55 a.m., a 69-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) vandalized a travel trailer while parked at a Wilson Avenue residence. Patrolman Marshall Bitsko handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **24MN17443 – Warrant Arrest**

On Saturday, April 20, 2024, at approximately 8:46 p.m., Daniel Lopez, a 44-year-old, unmarried, male, resident of Howell Township, who is employed as a heavy machinery operator, was stopped on Route 9 for a motor vehicle violation. Mr. Lopez was found to have two warrants issued for his arrest by the Roselle Municipal Court and Elizabeth Municipal Court in the amount of \$5,000.00. Mr. Lopez was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently turned over to the Roselle Police Department. Patrol Officer Hope Barina was the arresting officer.

### **24MN17435 – Shoplifting**

On Saturday, April 20, 2024, at approximately 6:34 p.m., employees of Home Sense, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor(s) shoplifted items valued at \$414.92. Patrolman Abdoulaye Diagne handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **24MN17331 – Structure Fire**

On Friday, April 19, 2024, at approximately 7:38 p.m., Patrol Officer Hope Barina responded to a Paddington Court residence for a report of a structure fire. The Gordons Corner Fire Company, Englishtown Fire Department, Freehold Fire Department, Marlboro Fire Department, Englishtown Manalapan First Aid Squad, and the Monmouth County Fire Marshall responded to the scene. The fire appeared to be accidental in nature. No injuries were reported as a result of this incident. Patrol Officer Hope Barina handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **24MN17300 – Fraud**

On Friday, April 19, 2024, at approximately 3:57 p.m., a 74-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) filed a tax return utilizing their personal information. Patrolman Sean McCarthy handled the report.

### **24MN17276 – Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance & Drug Paraphernalia / Warrant Arrest**

On Friday, April 19, 2024, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Patrolman Kyle Williams conducted a motor vehicle stop on Tennent Road for a motor vehicle violation. The driver, identified as Alina Aydarova, a 38-year-old, unemployed, married, female resident of Manalapan, was found to be in possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia. The passenger, identified as Justin Healey, a 42-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Hempsted, NY, who is employed as a mason, was found to have a warrant issued for his arrest by the Lincoln Park Municipal Court in the amount of \$1,500.00. Mrs. Aydarova was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where she was processed and released after being issued a summons. Mr. Healey was also placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently released after posting bail. Patrolman Kyle Williams was the arresting officer.

### **24MN17145 – Fraud**

On Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 10:55 a.m., a 43-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that an unknown actor(s) utilized their lost debit card to make several unauthorized purchases, totaling an unknown amount. Patrolman Jeffrey Emslie handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **24MN17099 – Warrant Arrest**

On Thursday, April 18, 2024, at approximately 2:59 a.m., Luis Lisboa, a 37-year-old, unmarried, male resident of Carteret, who is employed as a manager, was stopped on Route 9 for a motor vehicle violation. Mr. Lisboa was found to have a warrant issued for his arrest by the Raritan Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$750.00. Mr. Lisboa was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where he was processed and subsequently released after posting bail. Patrolman James Guarino was the arresting officer.

### **24MN17030 – Terroristic Threats**

On Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at approximately 3:32 p.m., a 36-year-old Manalapan resident reported being threatened by an unknown actor(s) via telephone. Patrolman Joseph Santomarco Jr. handled the report, which is pending further investigation.