

**Manalapan Twp. Police Dept. Press Releases  
March 6 – March 12, 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! \*\*\***

**24MN11993; 24MN11995 – Residential Burglary / Theft of Motor Vehicle**

On Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at approximately 3:23 a.m., the Manalapan Township Police Department received a 911 call for a reported residential burglary in progress. Patrol units responded to a residence on Union Hill Road and found that unknown actor(s) entered the residence, removed key fobs, and left with the homeowner's Mercedes Benz.

As patrols were on scene of the burglary, another incident was reported by a resident of Country Oaks Drive. The resident reported receiving a notification via a Ring app that motion was detected on the property. The resident reported three subjects dressed in all black, wearing gloves, and holding a yellow crowbar approached the residence. The homeowner turned on lights within the residence, causing the subjects to flee.

As a result of the aforementioned incidents, patrols responded to and saturated the area. Patrolman Decristofaro observed a suspicious vehicle on Gray Court. As Patrolman Decristofaro approached the suspicious vehicle, it hastily maneuvered around the patrol vehicle and drove over a curb, ultimately fleeing at a high rate of speed. As this vehicle fled the scene, Patrolman Decristofaro observed a second vehicle (Mercedes Benz) exiting a driveway on Gray Court. The vehicle subsequently fled the scene at a high rate of speed.

Manalapan Township Police Detective Meyler and Detective Zike responded to the scenes to further investigate the crimes. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident within the confines of Manalapan Township. Auto theft and associated residential burglaries to access keys and key fobs is a criminal trend affecting the entire tri-state region. These types of incidents are occurring in surrounding towns and throughout our state and our neighboring states. Investigators at the federal, state, county, and local levels are working together in an attempt to identify and arrest suspects, and recover the vehicles.

We remind our residents to activate any and all alarms and security systems, secure your vehicles and your residences doors and windows, remove keys and key fobs from vehicles, and please report any and all suspicious activity immediately. Anyone with any information regarding these incidents is asked to contact our non-emergency number (732)446-4300. For emergencies PLEASE dial 911.

### **24MN11803 – Theft**

On Sunday, March 10, 2024, at approximately 2:25 p.m. a 32-year-old Somerset resident reported that an unknown actor(s) stole a motorcycle, valued at approximately \$14,500.00, while it was parked at the Englishtown Auction, located at 90 Wilson Avenue in Manalapan. Patrolman Anthony Cascella handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **24MN11801 – Shoplifting**

On Sunday, March 10, 2024, at approximately 2:04 p.m., employees of the Wegmans Supermarket, located at 55 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that Nicole Antuane Giovanna Paredes Lara, a 26-year-old, unemployed, unmarried, female resident of Jackson Township, shoplifted items valued at \$325.80. Ms. Lara was placed under arrest and transported to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters where she was processed and released after being issued a summons. Patrolman Mantas Stanionis was the arresting officer.

### **24MN11794 – Assault**

On Sunday, March 10, 2024, at approximately 12:44 p.m., a 51-year-old Brooklyn, New York resident reported being assaulted by an unknown actor during the course of a soccer game at the Manalapan Township Recreation Center, located on Route 522. Patrolman Anthony Cascella handled the report.

### **24MN11728 – Theft**

On Saturday, March 9, 2024, at approximately 5:03 p.m., a 59-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor unlawfully removed two packages from the porch of a Lenape Lane residence. Patrolman Matthew Schwartz handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **24MN11719 – Theft**

On Saturday, March 9, 2024, at approximately 2:36 p.m., an 80-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) stole jewelry valued at \$550.00 from Springpoint Assisted Living, located at 199 Woodward Road. Patrolman William Dutton handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **24MN11471 – Motor Vehicle Burglary / Theft**

On Thursday, March 7, 2024, at approximately 4:56 p.m., a 33-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) burglarized a motor vehicle parked at a Timber Lane residence and unlawfully removed property valued at \$2,345.00. Patrolman Christopher Schou handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **24MN11465 – Shoplifting**

On Thursday, March 7, 2024, at approximately 4:30 p.m., employees of Best Buy, located at 15 Route 9 in Manalapan, reported that an unknown actor(s) shoplifted items valued at \$1,340.13. Patrolman Marshall Bitsko handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **24MN11318 – Theft**

On Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at approximately 12:17 p.m., a 56-year-old Manalapan resident reported that an unknown actor(s) stole two motor vehicle trailers, valued at \$6,000.00, that were parked at a McCaffery Road residence. Patrolman Marshall Bitsko handled the report, which is pending further investigation.

### **24MN11306 – Theft**

On Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at approximately 10:07 a.m., a 51-year-old Manalapan resident responded to Manalapan Township Police Headquarters and reported that a West Hartford, Connecticut resident had failed to pay \$21,000.00 for property the subject had agreed to purchase. Patrolman Everett McNulty handled the report, which is pending further investigation.