

POLICE INFORMATION FOR 01/01/16 – 01/15/16: The incidents indicated below are a summary of the significant investigations conducted by the department during the time period indicated.

IRS/TREASURY DEPARTMENT SCAM (Caller fraudulently claims that the victim has failed to pay taxes and that the IRS/Treasury Department has issued an arrest warrant and will be serving it immediately, unless the victim makes electronic payment):

- 01/13/16 – 1400 block of Carroll Brown Way, Westtown Township
- 01/15/16 – Pond View Lane, East Goshen Township
- 01/15/16 – Tramore Circle, East Goshen Township
- 01/15/16 – 1100 block of Fielding Drive, Westtown Township
- 01/15/14 – 1400 block of Manley Road, East Goshen Township
- 01/15/16 – 1100 block of Fielding Drive, Westtown Township
- 01/15/16 – 1000 block of S. New Street, Westtown Township
- 01/15/16 – 1500 block of Carmac Road, Westtown Township

EAST GOSHEN:

ALLEGATION OF CHILD ABUSE: 01/01/16 – Marydell Drive, East Goshen Township - Officers were dispatched for a well-being check of a 15 year old female who was allegedly being abused by her parents. The caller advised that her daughter received a text message from her friend indicating that she was being abused by her parents. As a result, the caller drove to the residence, placed the subject in her vehicle, and called the police. The officers spoke with the 15 year old subject who advised she was involved in a verbal argument with her parents. She said she was scared of her parents because they were yelling at her very loudly and during the argument they cut a large piece of her hair off. This officer asked the subject if her parents were physical with her, other than cutting off her hair, and she advised they were not. The parents were interviewed and indicated that the argument stemmed from their daughter sending explicit photos of herself to others in the recent past. As a result, the parents restricted their daughter's access to electronic devices. When they found that she had violated their restrictions, an intense verbal argument ensued and culminated in her mother cutting a large portion of her daughter's hair. The officers requested that Chester County Child Youth and Family (CYF) follow-up with the family about the issue.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD: 01/02/16 – 400 block of Cloud Place, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that she notified by American Express and Capitol One loss prevention that three cards were opened in her name in New York. American Express had a card application for Bloomingdales and Capitol One had two card applications for Lord and Taylors and Sax Fifth Ave. All three cards were approved and had been charged to their limit. The credit card companies requested a police report be filed to process the investigation.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 01/02/16 – 1300 block of Park Avenue, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that unknown actor(s) had damaged his lawn sometime during the previous two days; he discovered the damage when he returned home after being away for several days. The cost to repair the damage is estimated at \$500.00. Although the homeowner was no evidence to prove the identity of the responsible individual(s), he suspects that the construction crew that is working next door may have caused the damage.

THEFT: 01/03/16 – Waterview Apartments, 2 Waterview Road, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that unknown actor(s) stolen items from a vehicle parked in the apartment complex's parking lot during the overnight hours. Victim stated that he placed the items in the trunk of a friend's car late in the evening before spending the night. The items were described as an Epiphone - SG - 4 string bass guitar - unknown serial number - red wood color - valued at \$199.99 and an ESPLTD - M17 - 7 string guitar - unknown serial number - mat black color - valued at \$199.99. The friend, who was also the owner of the vehicle, reported that she had the following items stolen: 2 pairs of unknown dress shoes (valued at \$25.00 each), 1 iPhone car charger (valued at \$25.00), and 1 remote for a stereo (valued at \$25.00).

THEFT: 01/04/16 – Yarmouth Drive, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that her son's I-phone6 was stolen from her residence and that she believed that her cleaning lady's daughter may have stolen it. The theft occurred on 12-04-15 but the resident did not report it immediately because her cleaning lady was due to clean on Christmas Eve and thought the phone would "turn up".

THEFT: 01/04/16 – Bellingham, E. Boot Road, East Goshen Township – Subject reported that his mother, who resided at Bellingham, had just passed away. As the family began to organize her belongings, they observed that three items were missing: \$100.00 total in various amounts of currency, 1 wooden carving of a pig made by a family member (valued at \$100.00), and a silk scarf (valued at \$20.00). Management at Bellingham is conducting its own investigation but requested that the family also file a police report.

INTERNET SCAM: 01/04/16 – Everest Circle, East Goshen Township – Business owner reported that her business was the victim of an attempted scam after a fraudulent check was made out to her for cleaning services. The business owner reported that she advertises on "Care.com" for cleaning services and during the last week in December a male by the name of "Pierre Williams" inquired about her services. Pierre expressed interest in hiring her services when he "moved to the states". The subject advised he would be sending a check in the amount of \$2,790.00 for her services. After a few days, Pierre texted her cell phone asking her if the check arrived at her house. Once she confirmed the check arrived, Pierre instructed her to keep \$400.00 for herself and to send the \$2,390.00 back to him. The address that the check came from was in Venice, Florida, and did not match the name of Pierre Williams. The business owner immediately recognized this as a scam and brought the check to the police station.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD: 01/05/16 – Valley Drive, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that someone had fraudulently used her credit card at 3 Wawa locations and 1 Kids Foot Locker location. The resident stated that the card had been out of service since 12/04/15 because the credit card company had issued her a new one. She further advised that she did not know how someone could have used her card because she was in physical possession of it. The total fraudulent charges were \$554.00.

SCAM: 01/06/16 – Gateswood Drive, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that she received a phone call from a male with a thick accent advising he was calling on behalf of a grant distributor (unnamed) and she was eligible to receive a grant. The male advised all she had to do was send them a \$200.00 money gram and she would be sent money in return. The resident recognized that the call was a scam and did not provide any of her information or send the male any money.

THEFT: 01/06/16 – Greenhill Road, East Goshen Township – Homeowner reported that a package that was reported by Fed Ex as having been delivered and left on her front porch was missing. The package contained one pair of Hunter boot socks, pink, white and black in color. The value of the socks is listed as \$55.00.

GRANDPARENT SCAM: 01/07/16 – 500 block of Reservoir Road, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that she received a call from a male identifying himself as her grandson. The male reported that he had been arrested for DUI in Atlanta and needed \$2,200 to get out of jail. Another male got on the phone and identified himself as "Officer Scott Miller" who directed the resident to get a MoneyGram to send the money and instructed not to speak to anyone about what she was doing. The resident proceeded to the Walmart in Exton and obtained a \$1,100 MoneyGram. With the fees, her total amount spent on the MoneyGram was \$1,115 and it was addressed to "Marcel Rosario Cepeda" in the Dominican Republic. She was contacted again from the male identifying himself as Officer Miller and informed her that the court needed more money to let her grandson out of jail; this time instructing her to go to a different location to get another MoneyGram. She proceeded to a check cashing office for the MoneyGram, however, the clerk questioned her about the transaction and informed her of the possible scam. The victim then proceeded to contact her son who informed her that her grandson was not in jail in Atlanta.

ALLEGATION OF CHILD ABUSE: 01/11/16 – East Goshen Township – The police department received a report to law enforcement from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Welfare. The report stated that a mandated reporter contacted Childline with concerns of neglect for the victim. The child who resides in East Goshen Township with her parents was seen at a local dentist's office and was diagnosed with extensive amount of decay. It was suggested that the child be put under general anesthesia to complete the needed work. After repeated attempts to schedule the treatment, the office was never contacted to complete the work. The office was concerned that the child has still not been treated and that the problems would continue to worsen without treatment. Chester County Children Youth and Families contacted the family and confirmed that the family had returned to India over the holidays and had had the work completed there. The family agreed to see another dentist to confirm that the work had been completed and that the child's dental hygiene was satisfactory.

BAD CHECKS: 01/11/16 - Glenmont Lane, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that he conducts marketing for his friend's business, a business which purchases properties and then sells them to cash buyers. He entered into a contact with the business to market a property which the company was selling; in return, he would receive a portion of the sale for his work. During the transaction, the resident received a check in the amount of \$8,500.00 which was post-dated. At the time of issuance, the business owner advised him that he did not have sufficient funds in the account at the moment and but that the check could be cashed in two weeks when the funds were available. Approximately 4 weeks later, the resident attempted to cash the check and was advised that the account associated with this check was closed by the account holder and he would not be able to cash the check. The resident then attempted to contact the business owner on several occasions with negative results. Charges are pending.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD: 01/11/16 – Thorncroft Drive, East Goshen Township – Resident advised that someone had made a fraudulent purchase on her Penn State Affinity Visa card in December. She discovered the purchase while reviewing her statement and contacted the credit card company. The purchase was made on her credit card in the amount of \$184.38 to a

company called Yellow Mountain Imports out of Las Vegas, Nevada and involved the purchase of a Japanese Go Board that was delivered to a residence in Temple, PA.

INTERNET DATING SCAM: 01/13/16 – East Strasburg Road, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that in October of 2015 she met a subject on Facebook by the name of James BECKEL who was originally believed to be from Brooklyn, New York. After some time, the subject asked her to wire \$400 from Western Union to him in West Africa so he could return to the United States to meet her. The victim did as he requested. Since then, the suspect has continued to call her on her cell phone and harass her to send him money which she has not. The victim has since changed her telephone number, but he somehow obtained the new number and now calls her on that number. At one point recently, another caller claiming to be BECKEL's attorney began to call the victim, asking her to send him money for BECKEL.

SWEEPSTAKES SCAM: 01/14/16 – Waterview Apartments, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that she has been repeatedly receiving phone calls from a 876 area code in which the caller advises her that she has won money in a sweepstake, but must pay a winner's fee via Western Union before she can claim it. The victim stated she has contacted Comcast to help her block the numbers that are calling.

SUICIDE: 01/14/16 – Summit House, West Chester Pike, East Goshen Township – Officers were dispatched for a report of a subject in cardiac arrest with CPR being performed. Upon arrival, it was determined that the subject was deceased as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Investigation indicated that the subject, who was despondent over personal issues, walked outside his residence and shot himself.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY: 01/16/16 – Jumbo Pizza, 2 Waterview Road, East Goshen Township – A subject driving by the business observed damage to the front door of the business and notified the police. Upon arrival at the scene, the officers observed the side door to the business was open and it appears that the actor(s) smashed the front glass door to the business and exited out the side door that faces West Chester Pike. Once inside, the actors searched the business for money with negative results and subsequently fled the scene.

WESTTOWN:

THEFT: 01/02/16 – Macroom Avenue, Westtown Township – Homeowner reported that unknown actor(s) cut a lock on the side door to his shed and removed several items. Items taken were a Stihl 24"cut Farm Bus MS-290 chain saw, a Stihl BR-500 back-pack blower, and a Stihl FS-90 weed whacker. The value of the stolen items totaled approximately \$1,160.00. The actor(s) cut through the victim's eight foot steel deer fence to gain access to the rear of the property. The actor(s) then chose to cut the pad lock on the side of the shed, due to the illuminated light over the front glass door to the shed. The actor(s) then retreated with the items the same way they entered.

DUI ARREST: 01/04/16 – 1500 block of West Chester Pike, Westtown Township – An officer on routine patrol observed a vehicle turn left onto Manley Road from the left lane of West Chester Pike without signaling. When the officer began to follow the car, he observed the vehicle travel across the double yellow line and back into the lane of travel. The vehicle then began to travel at 10 mph while swerving from right to left, crossing both the white fog line and

then the double yellow line before nearly striking a vehicle traveling southbound on N. Chester Road. When the officer stopped the vehicle, he observed that the driver displayed indications of impairment (slurred speech, drowsy, slow and uncoordinated movements, etc.). Following the administration of field sobriety tests, the driver was arrested for DUI. **ARRESTED SUBJECT: Ryan Kyle MEYER, M/21, Exton, PA.**

FRAUD: 01/04/16 – Dodgson Road, Westtown Township – Subject reported that he received a letter from a collection agency indicating that he owed \$446.31; the collection agency was acting upon a contract with E-Bay. Upon receipt of the letter, the subject called the collection agency to determine the reason for the letter. He was advised the multiple purchases had been made under his name and address. However, he determined that the purchases were made by his ex-roommate based upon the email address used to complete the transactions. Investigation is continuing.

THEFT: 01/06/16 – Parkway Cleaners, 1502 West Chester Pike, Westtown Township – Branch manager of business reported that an employee had fraudulently taken money from the business. The manager indicated that she checked the cash drawer at the store and noticed a credit note for the amount of \$25.30. The credit note, which a store credit issued to a customer if their items are lost or destroyed, was issued by an employee. Based upon store policy that only managers can issue credit notes, the manager became suspicious and contacted the customer. The customer indicated that there had been no problems with her clothing and she was not issued a credit note. Video footage confirmed the customer's version of events and indicated that the employee had pocketed the money received. The manager then began to review all recently issued credit notes and determined that the same employee had issued another credit note on December 21st in the amount of \$68.12. The store manager then notified the company's general manager, who initiated a company investigation and determined that the same employee had taken money from other branches of the store. The company determined that it did not want to pursue charges as long as the store received restitution within a month.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD: 01/08/16 – 400 block of Walnut Hill Road, Westtown Township – Resident reported that she received a phone call from her banking institution regarding possible fraud with her checking account debit card. The fraud department from Franklin Mint questioned several apparently unauthorized transactions on her debit card (which since has been replaced) for a total amount exceeding \$200.00 dollars.

DISTURBANCE: 01/08/16 – Dairy Queen, 1502 West Chester Pike, Westtown Township – Officers were dispatched for a report of a disturbance in the Dairy Queen involving a large group of juveniles. The caller reported that about 30 juveniles were being disorderly inside the store and refusing to leave. It was also reported that the group broke a potted plant outside the store. Upon arrival at the scene, officers observed about 30 juveniles fleeing in various directions. Multiple subjects were detained and identified and picked up by their parents. After speaking with the store employees, no monetary loss was suffered by the business and they were unable to identify any specific individual involved. No further action was taken.

DUI CRASH: 01/09/16 – 1100 block of S. New Street, Westtown Township – Officers were dispatched to a reported car fire in the 1100 block of S. New St. Upon arrival at the scene, officers observed a damaged wooden fence and a sedan with white smoke coming from the

engine compartment, with a male subject sitting inside. The subject appeared dazed and confused. With the engine running and both driver and passenger side air bags deployed, the male continued to grip the steering wheel as though he was going to drive the vehicle. At that time, the officers assisted the male in exiting the vehicle and immediately requested EMS for precautionary measures. A short while later, officers Colligan and Herman arrived to provide assistance. Examination of the scene showed the path that the vehicle traveled when it left the roadway and struck the fence. There was also “turfing” caused by the operator driving the vehicle around in circles before the vehicle failed. In speaking with the driver, the investigating officer observed indications of impairment (disorientation, bloodshot eyes, fragmented and slurred speech) and the obvious odor of marijuana coming from the subject. **INVOLVED SUBJECT: Anastasios PANDELIDIS, M/19, West Chester, PA.**

THEFT: 01/09/16 – Westtown School, Westtown Township – Student reported that he had approximately \$1,100.00 stolen from his wallet. The student stated that he arrived at his dorm with a friend the previous evening at approximately 2030 hours. At 2200 hours, he realized that he did not have his wallet and went looking for it. He located his wallet a short time later near his dorm. His debit and credit card were still in the wallet along with cash totaling \$250.00 dollars; however approximately \$1,100.00 had been removed from the wallet.

CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATION: 01/11/16 – Westtown Township – The police department received a report of suspected child abuse from the Chester County Detectives. The reporting party is a resident of Westtown Township and the suspect is his daughter. The father reported that he discovered via a key logger software on his laptop computer that his 15 year old daughter had created 3 different fake Facebook accounts and was using them to send threatening messages to another female subject (who is unknown to him) in order to get sexual content from the subject. Investigation is continuing.

THEFT: 01/11/16 – Planet Fitness, 1163 Wilmington Pike, Westtown Township – Two separate customers of the health club reported that someone had broken into the vehicles and stolen items from the interior. The first subject was victimized when the unknown actors had smashed out the rear passenger side window of her car and removed the following: a black in color Company 31 backpack style purse that contained various credit/debit cards, her PA photo license, and approximately \$30.00 in U.S. currency. The second subject was victimized when the unknown actors had smashed out the passenger side window of her car and removed the following: a small handheld purse that contained her PA photo license, her U.S. Passport, a TD Bank debit card, and \$5.00 in U.S. currency.

INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT AT SCHOOL: 01/12/16 – Rustin High School, 1100 Shiloh Road, Westtown Township – An officer was dispatched to the high school in reference to a suspicious condition concerning a student and student's aide. Upon arrival, school officials advised the officer that a student aide had been discovered recording female students without their knowledge. The investigation began after one student reported to the school that she believed that the aide had been secretly recording her and would follow her as she left school in order to conduct the recordings. The school officials observed the aide, determined that the allegations were true, and immediately contacted the police. The aide, who is not an employee of the school district but is an employee of Staffing Plus, a private company contracted to provide student aides for special needs students. The company was contacted and advised of the incident and the aide was ordered to never return to the school. The criminal investigation is

continuing to determine whether the electronic evidence of the recordings rose to the level of a violation of the law. Parents of the victims were contacted and advised of the investigation.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD / IDENTITY THEFT: 01/12/16 – Centre School Way, Westtown Township – Resident reported that she received a voicemail from the Sears Fraud Department advising of two Sears credit cards opened in her name on 01/11/16. When the victim contacted the Sears Fraud Department, she was advised that a Citibank Sears Blue credit card was opened at a Lancaster location in her name and used with a fraudulent charge of \$3,232.95. A Sears MasterCard was also opened at a Wilmington, DE location in her name with a fraudulent charge of \$816.90. The victim has also learned that a JC Penney and a Kohl's credit card were fraudulently obtained under her name and an attempt was made to open an account at an AT&T store in Philadelphia.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD / IDENTITY THEFT: 01/12/16 – Windy Knoll Road, Westtown Township – Resident reported that he received a phone call from three credit card companies (Home Depot, Synchrony Bank and Barclay Bank) to confirm opening up an account. The resident advised that companies that he did not open the accounts. Home Depot advised an account was opened under his name and a charge of \$21,000 of online purchases were made. Synchrony Bank advised that \$6,900 of online purchases were made. Purchases from the Barclay Bank credit card were negative.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY: 01/13/16 – Parkway Cleaners, 1502 West Chester Pike, Westtown Township - An unknown actor pried the rear door open to the business, entered it, and stole approximately \$117.50 from the business. Investigation is continuing, assisted by the surveillance footage from the interior of the business.

DUI ARREST: 01/13/16 – Business parking lot in the 1500 block of West Chester Pike, Westtown Township – Officer and EMS personnel were dispatched to the parking lot of a business for a possible overdose. The reporting party, an off-duty police officer from another jurisdiction indicated that a male, who was seated in the driver's seat of a vehicle, was visibly lethargic and had prescription pills in plain view in his lap. While officers were enroute, Dispatch advised the vehicle involved was currently being sought by this department from a previous incident. Upon arrival, officers detected that a male subject was seated in the driver's seat, sleeping, with the vehicle running. The subject woke up and interacted with the officers. At that time, the officers observed indications of extreme impairment (lethargic, unsteady gate, pin point pupils, slurred speech, difficulty forming words, etc.). The subject immediately taken to the awaiting ambulance and transported to CCH for treatment. At the hospital, after the subject received medical treatment, the subject was placed under arrest for DUI. **ARRESTED SUBJECT: Christian M. MIDDLETON, M/29, West Chester, PA**

COMPUTER REPAIR SCAM: 01/14/16 – 2700 block of Whittleby Court – Westtown Township – Resident reported that she believed that she was being targeted for a computer repair scam. She stated that she had purchased an anti-virus product for her computer and believed it was called "Mal Spyware". Since she purchased the product, she has received several calls from the company requesting that she make contact with them. For example, she received a call on 01/14/16 requesting remote access to her computer to change the software that they had previously installed due to "changes". Additionally, the resident was told by the company that they deposited too much money into her checking account. She observed that instead of \$380 being deposited, there was \$3,800 deposited. The company then requested that she obtain a

Money Gram to place the amount of the difference and send it to Binhe, China. At this point, the resident suspected that the process was a scam and terminated all contact. She later learned that the money deposited into her checking account was actually money transferred from her own savings account, making it look like an actual deposit. The resident contacted her bank and they directed her to file a police report.

THEFT: 01/15/16 – Sage Road, Westtown Township – Resident reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle during the overnight hours and stole approximately \$300.00. The vehicle was parked in her driveway and contained her purse. Although the actors did not remove the purse, money from the purse was stolen.

CREDIT FRAUD: 01/15/16 – Halifax Court, Westtown Township – Resident reported that on 01/05/16 she received notification from Verizon Wireless that her password had changed for her phone account. The victim immediately contacted Verizon Wireless since she had not changed her password. Verizon Wireless advised her that someone went to a T-Mobile store and ported her Verizon Wireless cell phone number (610-585-7164) into a T-Mobile cell phone. The victim was advised that the subject was able to produce her name, date of birth, social security number, and her City American Airlines Master Card information. Her credit card then was attempted to be used as an "I-Pay" but was denied during the second level of security questions. The victim was able to contact Verizon Wireless and change back her information and change all passwords. The victim advised that the only person who has access to her personal information is her cleaning service.

THORNBURY:

COMPUTER REPAIR SCAM: 01/14/2016 – Old Bailey Lane, Thornbury Township – Resident reported that he believed that someone had hacked into his personal computer. The resident elaborated that he was on his personal computer and received a pop-up informing him that his computer was at risk of viruses and other computer problems. When he clicked on the pop-up, he was redirected to another page that instructed him to contact a phone number for further assistance. He immediately called the number listed on the pop-up and spoke with a male. The male, who spoke with an accent, gave him step-by-step instructions to provide him with remote access to the computer – which the resident followed. The resident was unable to recall the phone number he called and/or the name of the male except that the male identified himself as an employee of Microsoft. The male subject then advised him that he would scan his entire computer and clean it up, allowing it to run faster and smoother. The male informed him that the process in its entirety would take 50 minutes. After approximately 10 minutes later, the subject advised him that he needed to be transferred to a "Level 5 Microsoft Technician" which prompted him to begin asking questions. The victim becoming increasingly suspicious due to the ongoing conversation with the male, ended the phone call and attempted to shut off his computer. He shut off the monitor and the modem in an attempt to disconnect any connections that the male on the phone may have had with his computer. He then contacted his son, who directed him to contact police.

RETAIL THEFT: 01/15/16 – Giant Food Store, 1393 Dilworthtown Crossing, Thornbury Township – Asset protection officials notified the department that surveillance footage from the store interior indicated that two incidents of retail theft had occurred in the store:

1. On 01/11/16 at 1656 hours, a younger white male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with red trim, short dark hair with a mustache, entered the Giant Food Store and stole

\$381.00 in merchandise. The subject stole one (1) large box a Crest 3D Lux White Strips (valued at \$61.99), three (3) smaller boxes of Crest 3D white strips (valued at \$39.99 each), and five (5) Care One Infrared Thermometer's (valued at \$39.99 each). The subject then exited the store and entered an older model silver sedan with an unknown registration plate.

2. On 12/29/15 at 1610 hours, a larger build white male wearing an orange sweater and grey knit hat entered the store and stole \$185.00 in Gillette Razor Blades. The subject stole four (4) Gillette Fusion Razors (valued at \$32.49 each) and two (2) Gillette Razors (valued at \$27.79 each). The male exited the store and entered a small grey pick-up truck that appears to be a Ford Ranger.