

POLICE INFORMATION FOR 04/01/16 – 04/15/16: 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):

- 04/01/16 – 600 block of E. Pleasant Grove Road, Westtown Township
- 04/08/16 – 100 block of E. Hilltop Road, Westtown Township
- 04/09/16 – 1400 block of Bramble Lane, East Goshen Township
- 04/11/16 – 600 block of Glenwood Lane, East Goshen Township
- 04/11/16 – 500 block of Beaumont Circle, East Goshen Township
- 04/11/16 – 900 block of Linda Vista Drive, East Goshen Township
- 04/11/16 – 1400 block of Barker Circle, East Goshen Township
- 04/12/16 – 900 block of S. Chester Road, East Goshen Township
- 04/12/16 – 900 block of Thistle Lane, East Goshen Township
- 04/13/16 – 900 block of Saint Andrews Drive, East Goshen Township
- 04/13/16 – 1100 block of Lake Drive, Westtown Township

EAST GOSHEN:

POSSIBLE IRS FRAUD: 04/01/16 - Beaumont Circle, East Goshen Township - Resident reported that his identity was compromised through his employment. As a result, several employees tried filing tax returns and found that tax returns had already been filed with the obtained personal information. The resident was provided information on how to protect his identity.

INTERNET ROOMMATE SCAM: 04/01/16 – Hampton Court, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that she electronically communicated on a website called “roommate.com”. During that time, she became involved in conversation on line with an unknown female suspect only known to her as "Benin", who stated that she was a nurse currently deployed by the Red Cross overseas in Africa. The resident indicated that the subject was believable because she did have an African-like accent. The female suspect sent the resident a check for \$1,200 per an agreement that they came to on the website. After the resident received the check, the female suspect contacted her to advise her that she (the female suspect) had sent the check in an amount higher than was originally discussed. The resident was advised to cash the \$1,200 check at her local bank and send the entire \$1,200 amount back to her via a Money Gram from a CVS to her in Africa. The resident tried to comply but was unable due to insufficient funds in her account. The resident then re-contacted the suspect and told her that she could not cover the entire \$1,200. The female suspect then asked her to send half (\$600) via a MoneyGram at CVS which she did. The resident became suspicious due to requests from the female suspect to send more funds. None of the money could be recovered for the victim because the money was sent to another country.

MISSING JUVENILE: 04/02/16 - Reservoir Road, East Goshen Township – The police department was contacted by an employee of a group home because a juvenile female had failed to return to the facility from school. After the juvenile failed to return, she sent a text to the

facility stating that she would be there in approximately 1 hour. When the time passed and the juvenile had not returned to the facility, the employee reported her as missing. The juvenile had been placed in the group home on a court order Juvenile Probation Order. Investigation is continuing.

DUI ARREST: 04/03/16 – 1300 block of West Chester Pike, East Goshen Township – An officer on stationary patrol observed a vehicle traveling eastbound in the left lane at a high rate of speed. The officer pulled out behind the vehicle as it passed and paced the vehicle at 80 mph in a posted 45 mph zone. When the vehicle turned left into the Waterview Apartment complex, the officer activated his emergency lights and attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle failed to stop immediately, but drove through the complex before eventually pulling into a parking spot. When the vehicle parked, this officer approached the vehicle and knocked on the driver's window, but the operator did not respond. When the officer opened the driver's side door to make contact with the driver, the driver attempted to pull it shut. The officer was eventually able to speak with the driver and at that time, detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from inside the vehicle and from the driver's breath. Following the administration of a PBT test, the subject was placed under arrest for DUI. **ARRESTED SUBJECT: Fernando Javier RIVERA-VELEZ, M/26, West Chester, PA.**

ILLEGAL DUMPING: 04/04/16 – 1300 block of Enterprise Drive, East Goshen Township – Facilities manager of a business reported that he had discovered several bags of trash illegally dumped in a dumpster meant only for wood. The manager stated that it has been an ongoing issue and the business would be charged a higher rate for the dumpster because trash was being placed in it. The items dumped included several white trash bags. Inside the bags were several envelopes with a West Chester address on them. Contact was made with the subject and he was advised that the company did not want to pursue charges if he returned to the dumpster and removed the items and discontinued using the business's dumpster.

DRUG VIOLATION: 04/06/16 – 1300 block of West Chester Pike, East Goshen Township – An officer on routine patrol observed a vehicle which appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed. This officer paced the vehicle and determined that it was traveling at 60 mph in a posted 45 mph zone. As the officer closed the distance between the vehicles, he observed that the vehicle also displayed an expired registration. The vehicle was stopped in the West Chester Area School District Price Fields parking lot. As the officer spoke with the driver and the two other occupants, he detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of two glassine baggies of a green vegetable matter inside. The driver of the car was taken into custody and charged for possession of the marijuana.

RETAIL THEFT: 04/06/16 – CVS Pharmacy, 1501 Paoli Pike, East Goshen Township – The assistant manager reported that two suspects entered the store yesterday afternoon and stole numerous merchandise from the cosmetic section of the store. The theft occurred when the two suspects entered the store, loaded a basket with merchandise, and then fled the store without paying for the items. A store employee observed the female run out of the store and attempted to followed, but once she got outside she was unable to locate the female or a vehicle involved. An inventory of the store indicated that the suspects stole multiple hair and cosmetic products with a total value of \$978. The first suspect was described as a white female with maroon colored hair, wearing a light green/yellow sweatshirt. The second suspect was a white male with a beard and a flannel jacket.

THEFT BY DECEPTION: 04/06/16 – Giant Food Store, 1375 Boot Road, East Goshen Township – The police department was contacted by a resident who advised that she was concerned that her mother had been scammed out of approximately \$60,000. The resident advised that she had recently received the "Power Of Attorney" for her 79 year old mother. As a result, she observed several very suspicious checks written on her mother's account. When she questioned her mother (who suffers from dementia), she was advised that she had met an employee at the Giant Food Store and he was now her boyfriend; the new "boyfriend" had needed money and she had written the checks to him. Charges are pending against the 31 year old "boyfriend".

WARRANT SERVICE: 04/06/16 – Waterview Apartments, West Chester Pike, East Goshen Township – Officers were dispatched for a well-being check on a subject at the request of the subject's mother. The mother stated that she was concerned because she had been unable to make contact with her daughter and wanted to make certain that she was OK. Officers responded to the residence and knocked on the door. A male subject, who identified himself as the daughter's boyfriend, answered the door. He indicated that she was sleeping and he would wake her up. While interacting with the female subject, officers became aware that there was a warrant for her for failure to appear; the subject was taken into custody on the warrant. While searching the prisoner, officers found prescription medication on the subject that the subject did not have a valid prescription for and appropriate charges were filed against the subject.

COMPUTER REPAIR SCAM: 04/07/16 – Hampton Court, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that she received a telephone call from someone who identified himself as an employee of Dell Computer. The subject indicated that she needed to have repairs completed on her computer. As a result, she gave him remote access to her computer. The subject was on the computer for approximately two hours before advising her that they would have to call her back. As a result, the victim has been having problems with a bank account. The victim, who has been repeatedly victimized by scams within the past month, was provided with suggestions on how to resolve the issue and protect herself from future scams.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE: 04/11/16 – Waterview Apartments, West Chester Pike, East Goshen Township - Resident reported that someone had stolen his green 2014 Kawasaki Ninja 300cc motorcycle from the apartment complex's parking lot during the overnight hours.

THEFT: 04/11/16 – Wellington, E. Boot Road, East Goshen Township – Executive Director of facility reported that a resident is missing liquid oxycodone from her apartment. The resident indicated that a 400ml bottle of liquid oxycodone and a kitchen towel were missing from her apartment. The resident, who had been briefly sent for rehab, returned to her apartment and discovered that the prescription was missing. Investigation is continuing.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 04/11/2016 – Waterview Apartments, West Chester Pike, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that someone had vandalized his car while it was parked in the complex's parking lot. The unknown subject had put numerous scratches on the glass of the vehicle's front and rear windshield and sunroof. Value of damage estimated at \$1000.

THEFT FROM VEHICLE: 04/12/16 – Line Road, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that someone had entered his unlocked vehicle during the overnight hours and stolen several items. The items stolen included 15 - \$100 dollar bills and a bottle of prescribed pain medication (unknown name). Total value of loss estimated at \$1510.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT: 04/12/16 – 1000 block of Valley Drive, East Goshen Township - Resident reported that he bumped into an old friend the previous evening. At the end of the evening, the subject asked him to drive him back to Coatesville. The resident declined but did offer him a place to stay for the night; the subject accepted the offer and returned to his residence with the subject. When the resident woke up the next morning, he found that the subject had left. Then he discovered that the subject had stolen his wallet and vehicle. The wallet contained \$380.00, credit cards and a spare key for the vehicle. The resident advised that the vehicle is equipped with a Lojack tracking device. The device was activated; Coatesville PD recovered the stolen vehicle and arrested the subject.

INTERNET SCAM: 04/14/16 – Thorncroft Drive, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that she was the subject of an attempted online scam from Care.com (a care recipient/provider website). The resident realized it was a scam when a request was received to deposit a check that was to benefit a child in need.

WESTTOWN:

DISTURBANCE: 04/01/16 – 1100 block of Old Wilmington Pike, Westtown Township - Officers were dispatched for a verbal domestic between a male and female. When officers arrived, they spoke with the two subjects. The female subject advised that she and her boyfriend are homeless and live in their van; on most nights, they park the van to the side of an abandoned property. She advised that the two of them were just arguing. The male subject advised that the verbal argument had come to a head after she told him that she was going to call the police unless he paid a fine she owed. The female subject was transported to the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter per her request.

HARASSMENT: 04/05/16 – 500 block of Oakbourne Road, Westtown Township - Two residents reported a harassment by communication incident to the police department at the request of their parents. The two subjects, a 14 year old and his 18 year old sister, indicated that the harassment stemmed out of an online sale that had occurred a few months prior. The male resident stated a few months ago, he became online acquaintances with another 14 year old boy through mutual friends. The subject posted a pair of Adidas Yeezy 350 black sneakers for sale on E-bay a month ago and requested that he bid on the sneakers to help raise the price. The subject told him that he did not have to purchase the sneakers, but rather just wanted his help in raising the bid price. Within the past week, the subject began sending him messages stating that he owed him \$700.00 for purchasing the sneakers on E-bay. The male resident stated that he never purchased the sneakers, never received a receipt for the sneakers, and was never notified that the sneakers were won in the bid. The male subject then advised him that he shipped the sneakers to him due to his winning the bid. The situation escalated when the male subject's mother called the residence and began yelling and cursing at him. The other party (the seller) was contacted to resolve the issue. The "seller" was advised that they could pursue this via civil action, but they could not contact the "buyer" again in the future (either in person, via telephone, or via electronic communication).

THEFT FROM VEHICLE: 04/05/16 – KinderCare, 400 Skiles Boulevard, Westtown Township – Victim contacted the department to report that someone had entered her unlocked vehicle while it was parked in the parking lot of the business and stolen her purse and telephone. The purse was described as a medium sized gray leather purse with a shoulder strap. The contents

included \$300.00 in twenties, social security card, Pa driver's license, credit cards, and several gift cards. Her cell phone was a Samsung S3, unknown serial number, unknown value.

DUI ARREST: 04/05/16 – Wawa Food Store, 1501 West Chester Pike, Westtown Township – Officers were dispatched for a report of an unresponsive male subject in the driver's seat of a vehicle that was parked in the parking lot beside the business. Upon arrival at the scene, the officers observed a middle aged male subject unconscious in the vehicle; the keys to the vehicle were in the ignition and the vehicle was running. After repeatedly shaking, the subject regained consciousness. The male subject appeared to be confused and unaware of his surroundings for a few minutes. The officers observed that the subject had slurred speech and glassy eyes. Following the administration of field sobriety tests, the subject was placed under arrest for DUI.
ARRESTED SUBJECT: Joseph R. DWYER, M/53, Drexel Hill, PA.

GRANDPARENT SCAM: 04/07/16 – 1000 block of Wood Lane, Westtown Township - Residents reported that they received a telephone call from someone claiming to be Sgt. Williams from the Dominican Republic. Sgt. Williams stated that their grandson was involved a traffic accident in the Dominican Republic and was arrested for DUI. Sgt. Williams then explained that he needed \$1150 to bail him out. Sgt. Williams explained to them that they needed to go to a local pharmacy and get a Western Union Money Gram for the exact amount. Once they got the money gram, they needed to send it via wire transfer to the unknown address. The residents followed the instructions and wired the money gram to Sgt. Williams. About an hour later, they received another phone call from Sgt. Williams stating that the owner of the other vehicle involved in the traffic accident would like to settle the insurance claim out of court and requested another \$9000. When the residents requested to speak to their grandson, Sgt. Williams immediately hung up the phone. At that time, the residents called their daughter and asked about their grandson. Their daughter stated that her son was not in the Dominican Republic and has never been there. The residents were advised that since the money was already sent via Wire Transfer for \$1150, then it was more than likely gone forever.

HARASSMENT: 04/07/16 – Stetson Middle School, Westtown Township – Parent reported that her son was being harassed by another student at Stetson Middle School. She further advised that she became aware of the situation after she was informed by the Principal of Stetson that a student made a YouTube video which threatened her son directly. After receiving the information, the parent searched YouTube and found the 6 videos. The videos, which were made by another student, depict the student rapping about how he was going to shoot the other student. The student who created the videos indicated that the two of them had been having conflict recently and he created the videos as an outlet for his frustration with the situation; he did not intend to take any actions. The Department's School Officer is working with the school and both families to successfully resolve the issue. As an interim step, the videos have been taken down from YouTube.

HIT AND RUN CRASH: 04/11/16 – S. New Street and W. Pleasant Grove Road, Westtown Township – Resident reported that sometime over the weekend, an unknown subject struck the fence at the corner of S. New St. and W. Pleasant Grove Rd. and significantly damaged it. 12 fence rails were damaged along with 2 fence posts (estimated total loss in dollars was near \$1,000.00). It appeared that someone was traveling south on S. New St. attempted to turn left onto W. Pleasant Grove Rd. and was unsuccessful in doing so.

INTERNET SCAM: 04/11/16 – Westbourne Road, Westtown Township - Resident reported that she had been in contact with a “Miguel Gomez” through Airbnb (which is a destination lodging web site) in reference to renting an apartment located at 202 Market St., Philadelphia. Gomez advised her that the rent for the two bedroom apartment was \$1200.00 and a deposit of \$2400.00 was needed to complete the rental contract. Gomez forwarded her the contact, which provided the bank account number and information on how to wire the money for the deposit. On 03/30/16 at 12:08 hours, she sent a \$2400.00 deposit from her PNC Bank account to a bank in Spain. Gomez contacted her via email shortly after to confirm that the money had been sent. After receiving the last email on 03/30/16, the resident has not been able to contact Gomez. After not hearing from Gomez after sending several emails, she became suspicious and checked with Airbnb directly to see if the apartment listed was real. Airbnb advised that the apartment listed was not listed with them and must be fraudulent. After learning this, the resident went PNC Bank and tried to have the wire stopped, but was unsuccessful.

THEFT FROM VEHICLE: 04/11/16 – Anytime Fitness Center, 1500 block of West Chester Pike, Westtown Township - Victim indicated that an unknown subject broke into his vehicle and stolen items from its interior while it was parked in the business’s parking lot. The subject broke the front passenger side window of the vehicle and removed the victim’s black Kenneth Cole bag that had been left on the front seat of the vehicle. The bag contained the victim’s brown Tommy Hilfiger wallet containing his Pa driver’s license, Discover Credit card, Wawa gift card, thirty dollars cash, a white I phone charger, and a dark set of Maui Jim glasses.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD: 04/12/16 – Manley Road, Westtown Township – Resident reported that she recently became aware that her ex-husband had committed credit card fraud with her information. She received a phone call from Capital One, where she currently has a credit card account. Capital One inquired if she had recently opened a second account and she advised them that she had not opened another one. After receiving this information, the resident checked her credit report and discovered six credit card inquires and two open credit card accounts were listed on her credit report. The 2 open lines of credit were for an Overstock credit card and a "Home Shopping Network" credit card. When the resident spoke with customer service at Overstock, she discovered her ex-husband's cell phone number and past address in Caln Township were used to open the account. The person who opened the account charged approximately \$1500.00 and had the items shipped to Florida where, according to the resident, her ex-husband had just moved. Investigation is continuing.

BLACKMAIL / EXTORTION SCAM: 04/13/16 – S. New Street, Westtown Township – Resident reported that he is the victim of an extortion scam. The resident reported that approximately two months ago, he was searching Craigslist for potential business for his freelance business. He responded to a posting by a female named "Lisa" who stated in her post that she was a 49 year old woman who had just moved to Exton, Pa from Florida and was looking to network with people. As a result, he began to email and text with "Lisa" and on a couple of occasions agreed to meet her at a local restaurant but never followed through with the meetings. The resident stated that he began to feel as if "Lisa" was looking for a relationship, which is not what he intended when he answered her post, so he began to tell her that he was not interested in her in that way. After telling her this, he began to receive threatening text messages from "Lisa" where she threatened to contact his wife in person and tell her that he was looking to cheat on her. In one of the text messages "Lisa" asks, "How much is your marriage worth? I'm thinking \$10,000.00" The subject then began sending messages that indicated that she knew where he lived and what vehicles he owned. She also threatened to contact his wife via registered mail

and Facebook unless he gave her the money. At one point, the female subject actually came to the residence and rang the doorbell. When the resident failed to open the door, the subject contacted him by phone and “advised” him that she has a permit to carry a gun. Investigation is continuing.

THEFT FROM VEHICLE: 04/13/16 - Westtown Mews, Manley Road, Westtown Township – An officer was dispatched for a report of a theft from an unsecured vehicle used to make food deliveries, which had been briefly parked in the parking of the complex. According to the victim, \$700.00 (in \$20.00 denominations) was taken from the center console of the vehicle but his wallet and other personal items of value were not disturbed. The victim indicated that he was standing for approximately 10 minutes in the doorway of an apartment making a delivery. When he returned to his vehicle, he discovered the theft.

THORNBURY:

WARRANT SERVICE: 04/04/16 – Giant Food Store, Dilworthtown Crossing, Thornbury Township – State Parole contacted the police department and requested assistance with locating and arresting a fugitive. Parole indicated that it developed information that the subject was working at the Giant Food Store. After determining that the subject was scheduled to work at the store the following day, an arrest operations plan was developed by the Crime Lieutenant. On 04/05/16, the subject was taken into custody without incident as he arrived for work. The prisoner was subsequently turned over to State Parole.

IDENTITY THEFT: 04/04/16 – Lydia Lane, Thornbury Township - Resident reported that she has recently become the victim of identity theft/credit card fraud. Several months ago she began receiving telephone calls from Finger Hut and American Express, in reference to requiring further information before processing her applications for credit cards. She advised the companies that she had not applied for credit cards. She recently returned from vacation to find that she had received multiple letters from various credit card companies relative to the same issue. Additionally, she received two Victoria Secret credit cards, neither of which she had applied for. She recently learned that there is an outstanding bill worth \$750.00 on the cards.

THEFT FROM VEHICLE: 04/05/16 – KinderCare Day Care Center, 102 Paddock Lane, Thornbury Township – Victim reported that she had gone into the day care center to drop off her child. During the 10 minutes that she was inside the center, an unknown actor smashed out the front passenger side window of her vehicle and removed her purse. Her purse contained her brown leather Michael Kohrs wallet, her Pa driver’s license, her social security card, five Blue Cross medical insurance cards, a Capital One Visa credit card, a Bank of America Visa check card, a Gap credit card, an Old Navy credit card, a Target credit card, a Kohl’s credit card, and a twenty dollar bill.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY: 04/08/16 – Walgreens Store, Thornbury Township – Officers were dispatched for a report of a customer passing counterfeit bills at the store. The Manager advised that a subject had passed a counterfeit \$100.00 bill in the past hour. The suspect was described as a black male wearing a camouflage jacket, dark pants, black undershirt, and a black Chicago White Sox baseball hat. The subject entered the store and went to the cell phone accessory aisle. After a few minutes, the male subject stood in line and bought an I-home/I-phone 6 Reflex cell phone case valued at \$14.99. During the course of the transaction, the

subject passed a counterfeit \$100.00 bill to pay for the item. The cashier, unbeknownst to her, accepted the counterfeit money and gave the subject \$84.11 in cash back. The subject then immediately exited the store. Further examination of the bill revealed that on the front and back portions of the counterfeit bill, the phrase "For Motion Picture Use Only" was displayed.

DUI CRASH / ARREST: 04/08/16 – Rt. 926, east of Shady Grove Way, Thornbury Township - Officers were dispatched for a report of a two vehicle crash with unknown injuries. Upon arrival at the scene, the investigating officer observed one of the vehicles partially blocking the eastbound lane and facing the wrong way. The vehicle was facing oncoming traffic and had extensive damage to the front passenger side of the vehicle. The operator of the vehicle was standing outside of the vehicle and seemed frustrated. Upon contact with the subject, the officer detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage could be smelled coming from the person. The officer also observed that the subject was unsteady on his feet and had slurred speech. Following the administration of field sobriety tests and a PBT, the driver was placed under arrest for DUI.

ARRESTED SUBJECT: Charles BRUNNER, M/27, West Chester, PA.

CHARITY SCAM: 04/08/16 – Casey Lane, Thornbury Township - Resident reported that a male subject contacted him several times by telephone and requested money because he was down on his luck (broken vehicle, sick wife, and several children to take care of). The subject indicated that he was a friend from church. Before he gave money to the subject, the resident contacted the church to confirm that the subject was a member. After learning that the subject was not a member of the church or in any way associated with it, the resident refused to take calls from the subject.

THEFT FROM VEHICLE: 04/13/16 – 1200 block of Buck Lane, Thornbury Township - Resident reported that during the overnight hours, someone entered three unlocked vehicles (which were parked in his driveway) and stole various items. Stolen items included: a Ridgid power driver drill, a Ridgid power drill, approximately 75-80 brass propane tank fittings, and approximately \$8.00 in loose change.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD: 04/13/16 – Surrey Road, Thornbury Township – Resident reported that she had recently viewed her Wells Fargo account and saw a fraudulent transaction that occurred on 04/09/16. The transaction was for a total of \$290.00 at "Powell Auto Service" in Philadelphia (a non-existent business).