

POLICE INFORMATION FOR 04/16/16 – 04/30/16: 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):

- 04/18/16 – 1600 block of E. Boot Road, East Goshen Township
- 04/18/16 – 1100 block of Fielding Drive, Westtown Township
- 04/19/16 – 1000 block of Mill Stream Drive, East Goshen Township
- 04/20/16 – 900 block of Jefferson Way, East Goshen Township
- 04/20/16 – 1400 block of Cherry Lane, East Goshen Township
- 04/20/16 – 600 block of Woodbine Road, Thornbury Township
- 04/20/16 – 1000 block of Powderhorn Drive, Westtown Township
- 04/21/16 – 500 block of Valley Drive, East Goshen Township
- 04/22/16 – 300 block of Devon Lane, East Goshen Township
- 04/26/16 – 400 block of Hampton Court, East Goshen Township
- 04/29/16 – 1000 block of S. New Street, Westtown Township

EAST GOSHEN:

DISTURBANCE: 04/18/16 – Business in the 1700 block of Paoli Pike, East Goshen Township – Officers were dispatched for a report that an employee, who had come to work intoxicated, was threatening to harm herself. After establishing that the subject did not intend to hurt herself or anyone else, the officers suggested that she go to the hospital for a voluntary evaluation (which she refused). The subject was subsequently arrested and transported to the police department; Crisis Intervention was dispatched to conduct an evaluation at the station. Valley Creek Crisis responded, evaluated the subject, and determined that she did not pose an immediate threat to herself or anyone else. She was provided information on multiple outpatient services and was encouraged to utilize them. The subject was released to a friend and was cited for Public Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 04/19/16 – Bramble Lane, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that someone had vandalized her HVAC unit outside of her residence. On or about April 1, 2016, she received her quarterly electric bill which was approximately \$500.00, which was almost double what it normally is. As a result, she called a HVAC company to examine her HVAC unit. When the serviceman arrived, he found that the high voltage disconnect had been pulled off of the unit which is located outside of the residence. The repairman immediately told her that he found this to be suspicious and that someone would have had to have pulled the equipment off with their hands. He also informed her that her unit would continuously run as a result of this problem, which is believed to have led to the high electric bill from January 1st - March 31st.

SWEEPSTAKES SCAM: 04/20/16 – Kennett Way, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that his neighbor got a letter in the mail stating that she received a prize of \$250,000.00 dollars. Enclosed in the letter was a check for \$3650.00 dollars and instructions to pay a fee of \$3300.00 before her winnings would be sent out.

STOLEN VEHICLE: - 04/21/16 – 1600 block of E. Glenmont Lane, East Goshen Township - Subject reported that his vehicle was stolen out of his driveway sometime overnight. The victim stated that he agreed to lend his friend his vehicle so that he could move. He subsequently parked the vehicle in the driveway overnight, with the doors unlocked and the keys inside the vehicle. Early the next morning, he contacted his friend who told him that he had not taken the vehicle. The stolen vehicle was subsequently recovered in Philadelphia. At the time of its recovery, it was determined that it had been involved in a hit and run crash in Philadelphia (sustaining heavy front end damage) and was then abandoned. Investigation is continuing pending receipt of laboratory analysis.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 04/21/16 – Gas Station, 1425 Paoli Pike, East Goshen Township – Employee of gas station reported that a male patron pulled off (forgetting to remove the gas nozzle from his gas tank) causing the nozzle and hose to break off of the pump. The employee advised the customer that he needed to pay to replace the nozzle and hose; the value of the damaged property is \$47.70. When the driver said he did not have any money, the employee told the driver he could come back tomorrow and pay; he requested that the driver leave his information. The driver said it was an accident, that he was not going to pay for the damage, and then drove away. When the owner of the vehicle was contacted, he advised that there had been a miscommunication between the driver and the employee and that restitution for the damage would be made immediately.

EXTORTION: 04/23/16 – Valley Drive, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that he became engaged in an online relationship with another man on the website "Plenty of Fish". The relationship was solely online and there was never any face to face communications. They moved their communications to Skype strictly via text messaging with no face time communications. The resident exchanged personal naked photographs via Skype text messaging with the individual. Shortly thereafter, the subject advised him that his bank accounts had been frozen and requested that the resident provide him with financial assistance. The resident felt this was strange and then blocked the subject from communications via Skype but forgot he had provided his cell phone number to him during previous communications. The subject then sent text messages to the resident's cell phone to which he did not respond. The subject then texted the resident, stating that if he did not get \$500.00 from the resident within three days, he would forward the naked photographs of the resident to his employer. Investigation is continuing.

DUI CRASH / ARREST: 04/25/16 - Intersection of West Chester Pike and Mary Fran Drive, East Goshen Township – Officers were dispatched to the intersection for a two vehicle crash. Upon arriving at the scene, they observed two vehicles stopped in the eastbound lane of West Chester Pike, blocking all eastbound lanes of traffic. The officers made contact with all operators to ascertain if anyone was injured. One of the drivers advised that she was traveling westbound on West Chester Pike and was attempting to make a left U-Turn at the above intersection. She indicated that she had a steady green arrow signal and was struck in the rear while attempting to make her turning movement. The other driver indicated the other driver pulled into his lane of travel and he was unable to avoid striking her. While speaking to the operator of the striking vehicle, the investigating officer observed that he spoke with a slow, slurred speech and was very lethargic. Due to the driver indicating that he was injured, the officer did not perform field sobriety tests and obtained a blood sample at the hospital.

Following receipt of the lab results, DUI charges were filed against the subject. **ARRESTED SUBJECT: Shawn A. CONRAD, M/40, Howard, OH.**

DRUG VIOLATION: 04/26/16 – 1000 block of Valley Drive, East Goshen Township – Officers were dispatched for a report of a burglary that just occurred. The complainant reported that two males had just kicked in the door to his girlfriend's apartment. The initial dispatch also reported that one of the actors may have possessed a gun. The complainant reported that he had fled the apartment leaving his girlfriend inside, adding that he wasn't sure where the actors were at this time. An officer responding to the scene observed two subjects that fit the description in close proximity to the crime and stopped them at gunpoint. The two subject were detained while the officers conducted an investigation. The complainant, when interviewed by the officers, stated that one subject kicked in the door and engaged in a physical confrontation with him. After he was able to get the subject out of the apartment, the original subject got the second subject to return to the apartment, at which point the complainant fled the apartment and dialed 911. The complainant was transported to the scene where the two males were being detained. He positively identified one male as the subject that kicked in the door to the apartment and the second male as the subject who was with him. After drugs were found on one of the subjects, the complainant and his girlfriend (the resident of the apartment) then became uncooperative. They indicated that they did not want to pursue charges against the subjects and wanted the police to leave. As a result, one subject was released pending the filing of a Non-Traffic Citation for Harassment and one was taken into custody for the possession of the drugs.

CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATION: 04/26/16 – East Goshen Township – The police department was contacted by a detective with the East Brandywine Police Department. The detective indicated that his department was dispatched to a residence for a report of suspected child abuse. Upon the officers' arrival, the babysitters reported possible bruising to the three week old baby. They reported that it was the first time that they have cared for the child and while changing the diaper, they noticed what appeared to be bruising. A representative of the Chester County Department of Children, Youth, and Families responded to the scene, examined the child, and determined that the child should be transported to Chester County Hospital for evaluation. After determining that the family resided in East Goshen Township, the department contacted our department. Detectives from our police department responded to the hospital and met with the nurses caring for the child. They advised that a specialist had been contacted to evaluate the child and would responding from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Newborn and Pediatric Care Unit. The specialist advised that the child has a condition that was documented at birth called Mongolian spots (Congenital Dermal Melanocytosis); the doctor further advised that the spots were not bruises or indicative of abuse. The parents were contacted and responded to the hospital to explain the situation. The mother stated that she had forgotten to tell the babysitters about the skin condition and that she understood why police were called. Investigation closed.

THEFT: 04/27/16 – Mayapple Lane and Madison Drive, East Goshen Township - Detectives from Willistown Township Police Department contacted detectives from our department to advise that an owner of a cleaning/painting company had contacted them and advised that she had just terminated an employee who had admitted to stealing jewelry from a residence in Radnor that she had cleaned. The subject, when questioned, further admitted to stealing jewelry from additional residences, including two residences in East Goshen Township. Charges were filed against the subject and the homeowners were notified of the arrest.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY: 04/30/16 – 900 block of Cornwallis Drive, East Goshen Township - Resident called 911 to report that he had just observed someone inside his garage that fled on foot when he was observed. Upon arrival at the scene, the officer was advised by the resident that at approximately 0540 hours, he returned home and parked his vehicle in front of the far left garage door of the detached garage. As he exited his vehicle and turned the corner of the garage, a subject ran out of the side door and fled southwest into the woods to the rear of the property. The resident described the subject as a thin male, at least 6' tall and approximately 165-175 pounds. He was unable to determine the race of the subject due to the fact that the subject had his back to him; however, he added that the subject was wearing a sweat suit, black and gray in color and was also carrying a tan plastic bag, similar to a Wawa bag. Multiple officers responded to the scene to saturate the area in an effort to locate the subject, with negative results. Additionally, Chester County Police Radio was contacted for any K-9 working in the area, but there were no canines in the area. The resident examined the garage and determined that nothing had been stolen from the garage and nothing appeared to have been disturbed within the garage.

WESTTOWN:

THEFT: 04/16/16 – Rite Aid Pharmacy, 1535 West Chester Pike, Westtown Township - Asset Protection Manager for the business reported that he has been investigating the theft of Alprazolam tablets from the pharmacy. He stated that the company became aware of the theft of the medication beginning some time at or after October 2015. They had been conducting an internal investigation about the theft and became aware that the employee of the pharmacy was a possible suspect. The employee was interviewed on 04/16/16 and admitted to the theft of Clonazepam tablets and several other items that were not part of the investigation. At the conclusion of the interview, the Asset Protection Manager contacted the police department. During the police interview of the suspect, he again admitted to taking 10 pills over a period of time for recreational use; he also admitted to taking an iPhone charger, two packs of cigarettes and a nutrition bar with a total value of \$86.00. Appropriate charges were subsequently filed against the subject.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE: 04/16/16 – Skiles Boulevard, Westtown Township – Officers were dispatched to a report that a twenty three year old female intentionally sliced her wrist. Prior to the arrival of the officers, additional information was received that the knife had been secured by the boyfriend and the bleeding was controlled. While awaiting the arrival of the ambulance, the officers assisted with first aid. The subject was treated on scene by Good Fellowship Ambulance before being transported to Chester County Hospital without incident.

ESCAPE: 04/17/16 - Gaudenzia House, 1030 S. Concord Rd, Westtown Township – Staff member of facility reported that upon her return from lunch, she was approached by a resident and advised that another resident had left the property. Upon further investigation, the staff member was able to find out that shortly after the mother of the female resident left from visitation, the female was seen running down the driveway and getting into her mother's vehicle. The female resident was a court mandated resident of the facility from Delaware County Prison. The Probation Officer was notified of the escape. The mother of the escapee was contacted and was confronted with the eyewitness' statement of seeing the female resident getting into her vehicle. The mother denied that it occurred. The officer advised the mother that if it was determined that she did in fact aid in the escape of her daughter, she could be arrested as well.

GRANDPARENT SCAM: 04/19/16 – Overhill Road, Westtown Township – Resident reported that a male subject contacted him by telephone and stated that he was his grandson. The subject then requested that money be sent to him through Money Gram. The resident stated that he knew the phone call was a scam and "told the guy off". The resident stated he was concerned because the male subject replied with "wait until you see what I do to you."

DRUG VIOLATION: 04/20/16 – Rustin High School, 1100 Shiloh Road, Westtown Township – School officials contacted the police department to report that a student had been found in possession of suspected marijuana. Upon arrival at the scene, the officers were advised that a female student had been found to be in possession of two rolled marijuana blunts. A juvenile petition was filed for the charge of possession of a small amount of marijuana.

DOMESTIC: 04/22/16 – 1500 block of Carmac Road, Westtown Township – Officers were dispatched for a report of a physical domestic. Upon arrival at the scene, the residents were interviewed. The residents, a mother and a daughter, stated that a physical altercation occurred after the other daughter came to the residence with her boyfriend to pick up their five month old child. The family had been taking care of the child for approximately one week because the mother/father of the child are homeless and unable to provide shelter for the child. When they arrived to pick up the child, the family became concerned because Child Youth Services has an open case on the family and is currently attempting to determine who should have legal custody of the child. When the family resisted returning the child to the parents of the child, a physical confrontation occurred between the mother of the child and her mother and sister. Officers contacted a manager with Child Youth Services, who confirmed that the mother of the child had permission to take her child from the residence and that there were no emergency circumstances for them to take the child from her. Summary harassment citations will be filed against the mother of the child as a result of the incident.

FORGERY: 04/22/16 – Route 202 at Skiles Boulevard, Westtown Township – An officer on routine patrol observed a vehicle with an inoperable left side brake light and subsequently stopped the vehicle. During the course of the traffic stop, the officer asked the driver for her driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance. When the female driver opened her wallet, the officer observed that she had two driver's licenses. The second license (which was a fraudulent license) was in the same name, but with a date of birth that indicated that she was over the age of 21. The second license was confiscated and the driver was given a non-traffic citation for possessing a fake identification card.

PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS: 04/23/16 – Wawa Food Store, 1501 West Chester Pike, Westtown Township – Officers were dispatched to the store for a well-being check after a male subject was observed sleeping in a vehicle in the parking lot by another customer. Upon arrival at the store, officers observed a male sleeping in the driver's seat of a car which parked on an angle across two parking spaces. The subject stated he was driving home from Philadelphia when he began to feel tired, so he pulled into the parking lot and went to sleep. The officers observed that the subject's clothing was disheveled and his speech was slurred. The subject smelled of alcohol and appeared intoxicated. The subject was transported by Uber to his residence and was cited for Public Drunkenness.

DISTURBANCE: 04/23/16 – Gaudenzia House, 1030 S. Concord Road, Westtown Township – Officers were dispatched to the facility for a verbal disturbance. The reporting party, an employee, reported that a resident at the facility grabbed the phone in an aggressive matter

after being told he wasn't allowed to use it and then used the phone without permission after being told multiple times that he couldn't. Upon arrival, the resident stated he has been trying to leave the facility, but staff would not allow him to use the phone to make arrangements for transportation. Since the subject was not court committed, he was advised he was free to leave on his own free will. Officers transported the subject to the Septa bus stop located at 1502 West Chester Pike.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 04/23/16 – 1400 block of Cider Knoll Way, Westtown Township – Resident reported that several unknown juveniles damaged her mailbox and then fled the scene. The resident further stated that at approximately 2200 hours, she observed a small tan sedan occupied by several juveniles stop in front of her residence and rip her mailbox from the post. The vehicle then fled west on Cider Knoll Way towards Walnut Hill Road. Damage to the mailbox is estimated at approximately \$50.00.

MENTAL HEALTH: 04/28/16 – Rustin High School, 1100 Shiloh Road, Westtown Township – Officers were dispatched to the school after school officials reported that a student had fled the school in his vehicle after making statements that he wanted to kill himself. Multiple officers responded to saturate the area in an effort to locate the student. Dispatch then provided a home address (located in East Goshen Township) for the student; an officer responded to that location. He encountered the student as he tried to enter his residence. Although the student resisted the officer's efforts, the officer succeeded in taking the subject into custody without injury to either the student or the officer. The subject was subsequently transported to the hospital for mental health evaluation and treatment.

DUI ARREST: 04/30/16 – Wilmington Pike and E. Street Road, Thornbury and Westtown Townships – An officer, who was monitoring the traffic light at the intersection, observed a vehicle traveling north on Rt. 202 travel through a steady red light. After catching up to the vehicle in the 1000 block of Wilmington Pike, the officer stopped the vehicle. While speaking to the driver, the officer observed that the driver was acting strangely. For example, when the driver was asked for her driver's license, she opened her purse and stared blankly into it for approximately 30 seconds without speaking. When the officer asked her if she was OK, she stated that she was trying to remember where her license was. She stated that she had a valid New Jersey driver's license but could not remember where she placed it. Additionally, the officer detected indications of impairment (an odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her person, glassy and blood shot eyes, etc.). Following the administration of field sobriety tests, the subject was placed under arrest for DUI and possession of a small amount of suspected marijuana. **ARRESTED SUBJECT: Linda M. DeNOTE, F/44, Deptford, NJ.**

THORNBURY:

THEFT FROM VEHICLE: 04/17/16 – 100 block of Buck Lane, Thornbury Township – Resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle during the course of approximately 3 days and removed tools. The stolen tools included a Craftsman Ratchet set (valued at \$500.00) and a yellow and black colored Dewalt Tool Bag filled with various tools such as wrenches, ratchets and pliers (total value of bag and tools estimated at \$400.00).

CREDIT CARD FRAUD: 04/18/16 – College Hill Drive, Thornbury Township – Resident reported that she recently became aware that she was a victim of credit card fraud after receiving a voice message from Sears advising her they are placing a hold on her Sears credit

card. She was surprised to receive such a call as she does not have an account with Sears. A couple of days passed and she received an envelope from Sears with two credit cards inside. The envelope was addressed to her in her maiden name. The two credit cards inside had the name and account number but showed two different names. The first had her maiden name and the second had the name of "Lavel Wood." When the resident contacted Sears, she was advised that the card was opened on 04/05/16 in a K-Mart store in Philadelphia. The resident contacted the store and spoke to the store manager. The manager advised her that two black females arrived at the store ten minutes before it closed. One of those females stated she "forgot her card" and requested the store look up her account. That female provided a Georgia ID card for Lavel Wood and entered, what would later be discovered, the resident's social security number to access the account. The two purchased \$1242.82 worth of items and left the store. Two days later, the two females returned, showed different ID, and used another social security number to access an account. Two days after that, the females returned once again and this time, two black males accompanied the females. The group attempted the same scam but left when it did not work. The resident also recently learned that 5 other employees of her company had Sears accounts opened under their names. It is the belief of the company that cleaners are responsible for these acts and they have reported the incident to Philadelphia PD.

THEFT FROM VEHICLE: 04/20/2016 – Meadowcroft Presbyterian Church, 1255 S. Westtown Road, Thornbury Township – Subject reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle while it was parked in the parking lot of the church and removed her purse. She advised that she arrived at the church at 0915 hours for a day-long meeting. Upon her arrival, she placed her purse under the passenger seat of her vehicle. At 1500 hours, she returned to her vehicle and drove directly to a pet store in Delaware. Prior to exiting her vehicle at about 1600 hours, she noticed her purse was gone. Taken was her purse along with several credit cards and \$250.00 in cash. She immediately called to cancel her credit and debit cards yet was advised that her card was used at a Walmart in Upper Chichester, Delaware County, as well as several stores in Philadelphia.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 04/29/16 – 500 block of Dilworthtown Road, Thornbury Township - Resident reported that someone damaged his mailbox during the overnight hours. The resident stated the damage was to the top of the mailbox and looked to be made by a hammer or similar type tool. Damage was estimated at approximately \$50.00.

DUI ARREST: 04/30/16 – E. Street Road, near Shady Grove Way, Thornbury Township – An officer conducting routine patrol of local businesses, observed a vehicle come to a complete stop in the roadway for no apparent reason, as he approached the exit of the parking lot of the Goose Creek Grill. The officer began to follow the vehicle as it drove east on E. Street Road; the vehicle was traveling at speeds in excess of 60 miles per hour in a posted 45 MPH zone. The vehicle was then seen crossing the double yellow line on 5 occasions before running a red traffic signal at the intersection of E. Street Road and Shady Grove Way. At that time, the officer stopped the vehicle on E. Street Road at Square Cheyney. Upon making contact with the driver and sole occupant, the officer noticed a faint odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting the driver's breath. He also observed that his eyes were red and bloodshot. Following the administration of field sobriety tests and a PBT test, the subject was placed under arrest for DUI.
ARRESTED SUBJECT: Martin. J. McNELIS, M/42, West Chester, PA.