

POLICE INFORMATION FOR 05/16/16 – 05/31/16: 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):

- 05/16/16 – 935 block of Cornwallis Drive, East Goshen Township
- 05/18/16 – 1400 block of Ponds Edge Road, Westtown Township
- 05/19/16 – 1800 block of Newmarket Court, Westtown Township

EAST GOSHEN:

COMPUTER REPAIR SCAM: 05/17/16 – Bramble Lane, East Goshen Township – Resident reported that he was contacted by a caller who identified himself as an employee of the "Geek Squad" and was requested to upgrade his service. The male caller, who spoke with an Indian accent, explained to the resident that to upgrade their service would be a \$200.00 fee. The resident agreed to the fee and then provided the male remote access to his computer. While the male was remotely using the resident's computer, he added \$2,999.99 into his account. The resident became aware of this and told the male he had made a mistake. The male then told him that he was unable to take the money out of his account. The male gave instructions to him to go to a grocery store and purchase gift cards totaling \$2,799.99 and then to supply "Geek Squad" with the 16 digit codes on the back of the cards. At this point, the resident became aware that this could possibly be a scam. He immediately called his bank to have all his accounts frozen until he can speak with his bank in person.

POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS: 05/20/16 – Sunoco Gas Station, 1425 Paoli Pike, East Goshen Township – An officer on routine patrol observed a vehicle, which was occupied by several subjects, parked in an unlit portion of the gas station's parking lot without its lights illuminated. Due to the hour, he investigated further and noted that he detected a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from the area where the vehicle was parked as he approached. As the officer began to approach the vehicle, the operator started the vehicle and illuminated the vehicle's lights. The operator then began backing the vehicle out of the parking space and pulled out of the Sunoco Gas Station parking lot, onto Paoli Pike. The vehicle continued traveling westbound on Paoli Pike. While behind the vehicle, the officer was still able to continue detecting the odor of burnt marijuana. At that time, he stopped the vehicle. As he approached the vehicle, the burnt marijuana odor became stronger. The officer, in speaking with the driver, observed that his eyes were glassy and bloodshot. Field sobriety tests were administered, which the subject passed. However, one of the occupants (who owned the vehicle) did admit that he had contraband inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a rolled, brown leaf cigar, containing a green leafy substance (suspected marijuana), a smoking device, and a digital scale. The subject who owned the items was charged accordingly.

DUI ARREST: 05/22/16 – Boot Road and N. Chester Road, East Goshen Township – A motorist contacted 911 to advise that she was following a Black Mazda SUV that was stopping and swerving all over the road. The motorist continued to follow the vehicle, while staying on the phone with the dispatcher to advise what her location was as she travelled from the area of

N. Chester Rd and Manley Rd to the area of Boot Rd and N. Chester Rd. An officer, who was dispatched to the call, was then able to follow the suspect vehicle for a few minutes and develop probable cause to stop the vehicle. While following the vehicle, the officer observed that the vehicle passed the Boot Rd Y-intersection and proceeded to attempt to make the left onto Boot Rd. No turn signal was used and the Mazda did run over the center median splitting the left and right turn lane. The vehicle was stopped on Boot Road, south of Paoli Pike. Upon speaking with the driver, the officer observed indications of impairment (a strong odor of alcohol emanating from his breath and person, blood shot and glassy eyes, inability to focus on the conversation, etc.). Following the administration of field sobriety tests and a PBT, the subject was placed under arrest for DUI. Due to extremely high level indicated by the PBT and the fact that the subject appeared to be unable to sit up in the back of the patrol car, EMS was summoned and the subject was transported via ambulance to the Chester County Hospital. **ARRESTED SUBJECT: Muthian KULENDRAN, M/58, Exton, PA.**

THEFT FROM VEHICLE: 05/24/16 – YMCA, 605 Airport Road, East Goshen Township – Victim stated that someone had unzipped the cover of her Jeep's soft-top and taken her purse (which was in plain view on the front passenger's seat) while she was inside the facility. The vehicle, a 2007 Jeep Wrangler, was parked in the far east of the parking lot and approximately 100 yards from the main entrance. The purse was described as a Coach purse, valued at \$150, brown in color with a pink strap. The purse contained her PA Driver's License, approximately \$30 in cash, a Bank of America credit card, a Citizens Bank debit card, and approximately \$10 worth of cosmetics. The total amount stolen is estimated at \$190.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD: 05/27/16 – Ashton Way, East Goshen Township – Resident reported That an unauthorized purchase had been made on her Citizen's Bank Debit/Visa Card in the amount of \$1,375.00. The unauthorized purchase was made either online or using her phone number at the Louis Vuitton store in King of Prussia, Pa. The purchase was for a monogrammed purse to be sent to a fictitious address in Wilmington, DE.

THEFT: 05/29/16 - CVS Pharmacy, 1501 Paoli Pike, East Goshen Township – Store manager notified the police department that the previous day, two male subjects entered the store, shoved approximately \$1149.58 worth of merchandise into their pants pockets, and fled the store without paying for it. Items removed included: Mucinex, Claritin, Abreva, and Nexium. The subjects were driving a silver Maxima with a spoiler and its license plate altered. The subjects were described as one white male and one black male.

WESTTOWN:

THEFT FROM VEHICLE: 05/16/16 – 1500 block of South Coventry Lane, Westtown Township – Resident reported that someone entered two unlocked vehicles which were parked in front of the residence and removed items from the vehicles. The items removed were: his wife's brown leather wallet (which contained her PA driver's license and a MasterCard credit card), a Lenovo laptop, and a Verizon hot spot.

THEFT: 05/21/16 - Rustin High School, 1100 Shiloh Road, Westtown Township – Resident reported that her daughter's phone was stolen from her locked locker at the high school. The phone was described as a rose gold I-phone 6s valued at \$850.00. When her daughter discovered that her phone was missing, she attempted to track her phone using the "Find Your Phone App"; however the App appeared to have been turned off. Additionally, her daughter

stated that her phone had a security code; however, whoever stole the phone was able to crack the code. The subject who took the phone then began to text the victim's friends using her phone. It was at that time that the resident notified AT&T to disconnect the phone. Even after the phone was disabled, the phone was still utilized to send I-messages by using the "cloud".

TRESPASSING: 05/22/16 – Saints Simon and Jude Church, Cavanaugh Court, Westtown Township – Officers were dispatched for a report of a disturbance in which a female subject refused to leave the church, even after being told several times to leave. Upon their arrival, officers made contact with a female subject who was known to them due to similar incidents in the past. The subject was advised that she had to leave, but she stated she was not going to leave the church unless she was arrested. Officers gave the subject multiple opportunities to leave without incident, but she refused. She began to become very irate and aggressive after the officers attempted to escort her off of the property. At that point, she was placed under arrest and transported to the station, pending her arraignment before a Magisterial District Justice.

THEFT: 05/22/16 – 1600 block of West Chester Pike, Westtown Township – Resident reported that she allowed a friend to stay at her place for approximately a week and a half, due to him being homeless. The victim advised that during that time the friend was staying at her apartment, she was staying with another friend in Haverford Township, Delaware County. On 05/19/16, she spoke with her friend via phone and asked that he bring two (2) dressers and two (2) TV's to her other friend's residence. He advised he would, however, he never showed up with the property. On 05/22/16, she arrived at her residence and discovered that a lot of her belongings were missing. When she spoke with a neighbor, the neighbor indicated that she had witnessed the subject take the property from her residence and load it into a dark green Honda Odyssey. The items which are missing are: two (2) dressers (\$100/each), Two (2) HP laptops (\$250/each), One (1) 50" Samsung Smart TV (\$400), One (1) 29" Vizio TV (\$250), One (1) no name brand TV (\$200), One (1) Hoover Carpet Cleaner (\$90), Two (2) White Metro Phones (\$50/each), One (1) Black Bluetooth Speaker (\$95), and Two (2) Dell Desktop Computers (\$400/each) for a total of \$2,635. After numerous attempts by the officer to speak with the suspect, with negative results, charges were filed against the subject.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD: 05/23/16 – Scarborough Court, Westtown Township – Resident reported that he received notice that someone charged \$415.26 to his Purdue Federal Credit Union account at a Game Stop store in Philadelphia. At the time of the report, the resident had already spoken to the bank (who suspended the account).

DUI CRASH/ARREST: 05/26/16 – Manley Road and Diane Drive, Westtown Township – Officers were dispatched to the intersection for a report of a single vehicle accident. The two witnesses stated the accident was a single vehicle into a pole and that the driver appeared to be attempting to flee the scene. While the officer was enroute, he was advised that the driver was picked up by a second vehicle described as a grey Rav4 which was driven by an older white female. Based upon the registration plate, additional officers responded to the address of the registered owner. At the scene of the crash, the officer observed a vehicle stopped in the east bound lane of Manley Road just east of Diane Drive. The vehicle sustained heavy front end damage and was not drivable. The witnesses were interviewed and stated that they heard the crash and immediately went outside. They observed that the vehicle had struck a PECO pole and was attempting to back away from the pole. After a short time, the driver was able to remove the vehicle from the pole and attempted to flee the scene east on Manley Road. The witnesses stated the vehicle stopped in the roadway, approximately 100 feet from the pole, and

became disabled. A few seconds later, witnesses observed a white female in a grey Rav4 arrive on scene. The female then exited the Rav4 and attempted to drive the Honda Civic, however the vehicle would not move. At that time, the female and the defendant entered the Rav4 and left the scene. The officers at the residence made contact with the two subjects and requested that they return to the accident scene. Following the administration of field sobriety tests, the subject was placed under arrest for DUI and leaving the scene of an accident.

ARRESTED SUBJECT: William JENKINS, M/63, West Chester, PA.

DUI ARREST: 05/30/16 – Wawa Food Store, 1501 West Chester Pike, Westtown Township – Officers were dispatched to a report of an intoxicated male in the parking lot of the Wawa. Dispatch advised that the male subject was in a silver Ford Focus with flat tires and had been parked in the lot for 15-20 minutes. Upon their arrival, the officers observed a male subject standing outside a silver Ford Focus. Employees standing outside were pointing the officers toward that subject and vehicle. The officers observed that the vehicle was missing the right front tire and that the right rear tire was flat and coming off of the rim. Additionally, officers observed scrapes and gouges in the parking lot coming from the West Chester Pike entrance and leading directly to the right wheels/rims of the vehicle. When the subject was questioned, he stated that he was the operator of the vehicle and that he had come to the store to get something to eat. He stated that he was coming from his residence but then stated that he had driven from Newtown Square. He could not identify how the damage to his vehicle occurred but stated that the noise from the damage was "annoying" him for some time. In speaking with the subject, officers detected indications of impairment (heavy odor of alcohol upon his breath and bloodshot eyes). During the course of their investigation, officers interviewed a store employee who stated that she observed the subject drive into the parking lot. Following the administration of field sobriety tests and a PBT, the subject was placed under arrest for DUI. **ARRESTED SUBJECT: Nicholas Robert SAPONE, M/21, West Chester, PA.**

THORNBURY:

FRAUD: 05/16/16 – 1200 block of Audubon Lane, Thornbury Township – Resident reported that she received notice from her bank that two fraudulent purchases were made on her bank account on 05/09/16. Both transactions were made at the Macy's Department Store, located in New York, New York. One was for \$150.00 and the other was for \$125.00.

STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE: 05/17/16 – Thornbury Commons, 10 E. Street Road, Thornbury Township – Officers were dispatched for a report of a stolen Frito Lays box truck bearing DE registration that was currently in the Thornbury Commons. The vehicle location was being monitored by the on-board GPS, which placed the truck in the parking lot of the Thornbury Commons. As officers were responding, dispatch advised them that the vehicle had now moved to the parking lot of the CVS Pharmacy located at 1200 Wilmington Pike, which is also located in Thornbury Township. Upon their arrival, officers did not observe the vehicle and were subsequently advised by the Birmingham Chief of Police that the vehicle was now parked in the Wawa parking lot at Wilmington Pike and Dilworthtown Road. When officers arrived, they approached the truck which was unoccupied and sitting on the south side of parking lot. They then observed a white female approach the vehicle. When asked if she if she was the driver of the truck, she replied "yes". The officers asked if she was an employee for Frito Lay, to which she replied "no", but stated she worked for Alessio Baking Company. She stated that her usual truck for delivering bread for Alessio was involved in an accident this morning and that she was using this truck to complete her deliveries. The female subject was asked where her truck was

involved in an accident and she stated that the accident was in Delaware. A representative of Frito Lays confirmed that the truck was taken that morning in Delaware as the driver was making his deliveries. The female subject was placed under arrest pending the service of the Delaware arrest warrant.

OTHER:

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE: 05/19/16 - Government Service Center, 601 Westtown Rd. West Goshen Township – On 05/19/16 at approximately 1335 hours, a Westtown-East Goshen officer arrived at Judge Kraut’s office in the Government Service Center on Westtown Road. He began to exit his vehicle and speak with a court employee who was parked near his patrol car. As he began to speak, his firearm (which was obviously still inside the holster) discharged. The round went through the floor board of the vehicle and lodged in the parking lot. Although the round damaged his uniform pants, the officer was uninjured. The officer immediately notified the 911 Dispatch Center and his immediate supervisor, cleared the area of citizens, protected the scene, and removed his entire duty belt. West Goshen PD, Chester County Detectives, WEGO command staff, the Sheriff’s Department, and Mr. Tom Hogan (District Attorney) responded to the scene. A joint investigation was then conducted by the County Detectives and WEGO. Since the accidental discharge was clearly not officer error (and as corroborated by the court employee), the investigation of the incident focused on equipment issues (holster, weapon, and ammunition). During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the seatbelt clip of the vehicle (Dodge Charger) had become lodged in a gap in the holster and discharged the weapon of the left-handed officer as he exited the vehicle. Additionally, it was determined that the gap in the holster was sufficiently large enough to permit other objects (the finger of a small person, sticks, etc.) to access the weapon’s trigger and discharge the weapon. At that time, our agency also learned that several other police departments in the country had experienced similar incidents. As a result, the Department has discontinued use of that holster, removed its mounted tactical light, and obtained a new holster.