



# Mount Laurel Police Department

## Press Release

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**FORGERY:** At 9:25 pm on November 25<sup>th</sup> a subject used a counterfeit \$100.00 bill to make a \$10 purchase at the 7-11 on Marne Highway. The suspect is a black male in his late 20's or early 30's with a short stocky build, and a dark complexion. He is suspected of similar crimes in the past.

**IDENTITY THEFT:** On November 27<sup>th</sup> a victim reported that she received an email from Amazon confirming a \$675.00 order placed with an Amazon credit card. The investigation revealed that the victim's identity was used to open an Amazon credit card account and then used to make the purchases. The merchandise was shipped to an address in Miami, FL.

**ARREST:** On May 30<sup>th</sup> Mount Laurel Police responded to a residence on the 900 block of Centerton Road for a burglary. The investigation identified a suspect and an arrest warrant was issued for Anthony C. Thomas, age 47, of Camden, NJ charging him with burglary. On November 28<sup>th</sup> Thomas was arrested by Camden County Metro Police and turned over to Mount Laurel Police. Bail was set at \$20,000.00 with no 10% option and Thomas was committed to the Burlington County Jail.

**THEFT/CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:** At 7:35 pm on November 28<sup>th</sup> Mount Laurel Police responded to the parking lot of LA Fitness for the report of three vehicles that had been broken into. The investigation revealed that a window on each vehicle had been broken to gain entry. Wallets, gym bags and purses were taken.

**THEFT BY EXTORTION:** At the end of November a victim reported that she had engaged in an online relationship with a subject who claimed to be a member of the military deployed overseas. During the relationship the victim exchanged sexually explicit photographs with the suspect. Eventually the suspect demanded that the victim send him over \$900.00 or he would post her photographs online. The victim wired over \$900.00 to someone in Illinois. After that the suspect demanded more money prompting the victim to report the crime to police. This crime is still under investigation.

**CREDIT CARD THEFT/FRAUD:** On November 30<sup>th</sup> a victim reported that someone stole a credit card from her purse while she dined at Panera Bread on Centerton Road Drive. The card was then used to make fraudulent purchases at Target at approximately 11:45 am.

*All persons are considered innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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