



Mount Laurel Police Department

Press Release

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OVERDOSE REVERSAL: On February 8th at 4:38 pm Mount Laurel Police responded to a residence on the 100 block of Birchfield Court for an abandoned 911 call. On arrival the officer was directed to an unconscious 33 year old male inside the residence. The officer determined the subject was suffering from a heroin overdose and administered Narcan. The victim was revived and transported to a hospital by Mount Laurel EMS for additional treatment.

ARREST: On February 9th at 2:27 am Mount Laurel Police conducted an investigation into suspicious activity at a hotel on Fellowship Road. During the investigation officers arrested Tyler R. Farmer, age 19, of Mount Laurel and Trevor M. Terrell, age 21, of Hamilton, NJ. Both were charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and released pending a court hearing.

THEFT: On February 10th at 12:35 am Mount Laurel Police responded to the dead end of Lenola Road adjacent to the Eastgate Square Shopping Center for a theft report. A 25 year old victim stated that he arranged to meet another man at that location through a dating website. On arrival the suspect got into the victim's car. After talking for a short time the suspect asked to use the victim's iPhone 6 Plus and then ran off with it. At 2:38 am officers were called out to the area again for a similar attempted theft. The 19 year old victim met the suspect through the same dating website. The suspect attempted to steal the victim's cell phone but was unsuccessful and he ran off towards Route 73. The suspect was described as a light skinned black male in his mid 20's, 5'9" with a thin build.

ARREST: On February 10th at 11:25 pm Mount Laurel Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Ark Road near Route 38. During the stop officers arrested Justin T. Smith, age 27, of Pennsauken, NJ. He was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released pending a court hearing after satisfying an outstanding warrant.

THEFT/CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: On February 10th between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm two vehicles parked in the Lifetime Fitness parking lot 3939 Church Road were broken into. In both cases the suspect broke a window on the vehicle and stole a purse from within.

ARREST: On February 11th Ziaire J Williams, age 19 Camden, NJ was turned over to the Mount Laurel Police. He was wanted for credit card theft, wrongful impersonation, and conspiracy to commit credit card theft. He was identified as one of two suspects who used credit cards that were stolen from vehicles in Mount Laurel on December 9, 2015. Bail was set at \$30,000.00 with no 10 percent option and he was committed to the Burlington County Jail.



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ARREST: On February 11th at 3:14 pm Mount Laurel Police responded to the 7-11 at 3051 W. Route 38 for a theft report. The cashier reported that a customer stole her cell phone after she placed it on the sales counter. Officers were able to identify the suspect as Tyshawn M. Jones, age 18, of Mount Laurel. On February 13th at 1:29 pm officers located Mr. Jones at the Burger King on Route 38. He was arrested for an outstanding criminal warrant and for the theft of the cell phone. He was charged with theft and released after posting bail on the warrant.

ARREST: On February 12th at 8:15 am Mount Laurel police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 73 near Church Road. During the stop officers arrested Benjamin J. Houghton, age 32, of Orlando, FL. Mr. Houghton was wanted for a probation violation in Orange County Florida. He was charged with being a fugitive from justice with bail set at \$10,000.00 no 10% option. He was committed to the Burlington County Jail.

ARREST: On February 12th at 11:56 pm Mount Laurel Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Arbor Way at Church Road. During the stop officers arrested Edward J. McDonough, age 56, of Mount Laurel. He was charged with driving while intoxicated and released pending a court hearing.

THEFT: On February 13th at 10:55 pm Mount Laurel Police responded to a theft report at the Bob Evans restaurant on Fellowship Road. An employee reported that his vehicle was stolen after he left it running, unlocked, and unattended in the parking lot to warm up. At 12:47 am the vehicle was located by Westampton Police on County Route 541. A 16 year old passenger from Mount Holly was arrested but the driver fled on foot. The investigation is ongoing.

ROBBERY: On February 14th at 9:40 pm Mount Laurel Police responded to Francesca's Pizza at 127 Ark Road for a robbery. The manager reported that after closing the business for the night he exited the rear door of the store. As he was about to get into his car he was approached by a masked suspect dressed in black. The suspect brandished what the victim believed to be a handgun and demanded money. The manager gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of money and the suspect fled on foot.

ARREST: During the overnight hours of November 20, 2015 into November 21, 2015 six businesses were burglarized in three shopping centers in Mount Laurel. One business was located in the Village II Shopping Center, 1200 South Church Street, two were located in the Ellipse Shopping Center, 4201 Church Road and three were located in the Bank of America Shopping Center, 3131 Route 38. Shortly after these crimes occurred investigators identified Erik S. Wallace, age 42, of Lawnside, NJ as the suspect. Warrants for his arrest were issued charging him with burglary, theft, and criminal mischief. Bail was set at \$102,500.00 with no 10% option. On February 11th Mount Laurel Police investigators served the warrants on Mr. Wallace at the Salem County Jail where he is being held on charges from another jurisdiction.

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

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