



# Mount Laurel Police Department

## Press Release

Dennis A. Cribben, Jr., Chief of Police

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**ARREST:** On February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:39 pm Mount Laurel Police responded to Angelo's Pizza on Union Mill Road for a theft. It was reported that a suspect stole a tip jar and donation jar from the counter of the restaurant and ran out of the store. Employees chased after him and were able to direct responding officers to where they last saw the suspect. An officer located him running behind houses on the 900 block of Larkspur Place. After a brief foot chase officers took Marcellus K. Shazier, age 18, of Mount Laurel into custody. He was charged with theft and obstructing the administration of law. He was released pending a court hearing.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:** On February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:13 pm a resident on the 400 block of Timberline Drive reported that someone placed a welded spike under the tire of his vehicle. When he backed out of his driveway the spike caused damage to his tire and flattened it.

**ARREST:** On February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:54 pm a Mount Laurel Police Officer was on a motor vehicle stop on Route 73 near Atrium Way. As he was conducting the stop a passing bicyclist collided with his patrol car. When the officer walked over to investigate the incident the apparently intoxicated bicyclist became disorderly and confrontational. He swung at the officer knocking documents out of the officer's hand. David F. Pedro, age 34, with a last known address of West Palm Beach, FL was arrested. While being transported to the police station Mr. Pedro kicked and damaged the rear window of the patrol car. He also spit on the arresting officer. Mr. Pedro was charged with aggravated assault on a police officer, criminal mischief and disorderly conduct. Bail was set at \$38,500.00 with no ten percent option and he was committed to the Burlington County Jail.

**ARREST:** On February 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:09 am Mount Laurel Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 73 near the NJ Turnpike. During the stop officers arrested Matthew J. Buffington, age 30, of Blackwood, NJ and Craig L. Fessy, age 30, of Bellmawr, NJ. Both were charged with distribution of prescription legend drugs and possession of a controlled dangerous substance after officers found they possessed a quantity of prescription drugs and heroin. Both were released pending a court hearing.

**ARREST:** On February 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:01 am Mount Laurel Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Masonville Road near Marne Highway. During the stop officers arrested Timothy A. Haines, age 45, of Hainesport, NJ. He was charged with driving while intoxicated and released pending a court hearing.

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

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