Mount Laurel Police Department
Press Release

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ARREST: On January 19th at 11:57 am Mount Laurel Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Ark Road near Hovtech Boulevard. During the stop officers arrested Demaris S. Hall, age 22, of Pennsauken, NJ. He was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and released pending a court hearing.

THEFT: A briefcase was stolen from The FedEx Store, 1211 Route 73, after a customer accidentally left it the store on January 19th at 5:20pm. The briefcase contained cash, credit cards, and personal documents.

THEFT: A customer of Planet Fitness on Route 38 reported she accidentally left her cellphone and phone case in the restroom of the gym. She returned minutes later but the phone had been taken. The phone case contained a credit card and identification.

ATTEMPTED SCAM: A victim reported that he was seeking employment as a care taker through Care.com. He was contacted by a woman who claimed that she was moving to Mount Laurel with her child and that her child needed a specialized wheelchair. The wheelchair would need to be delivered to her new Mount Laurel address prior to her arrival. As a condition of employment the suspect asked the victim to accept a $3602.00 check from her and deposit it into his personal account. Then the victim was supposed to withdraw cash from his account and deposit it into the account of the alleged wheelchair delivery driver. The suspect sent the victim a check via Federal Express and the victim deposited it into his personal account. The suspect then began to text the victim urging him to withdraw the cash and make the deposit as instructed. Luckily, the bank identified the check as fraudulent prior to the victim withdrawing the cash. Once the victim advised the suspect that the check was fraudulent all contact ceased.

ARREST: On January 21st at 2:50 am Mount Laurel Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 73 near Lincoln Drive. During the stop officers arrested Joe T. Frans, age 42, of Waterford, NJ after he provided a false name in an attempt to avoid a traffic summons. He was charged with hindering his own apprehension and released pending a court hearing.

SHOPLIFTING: An employee of Ulta on Nixon Drive reported a shoplifting that occurred on January 21st at 3:42 pm. Two females entered the store and stole several bottles of perfume value at over $300.00. They fled the store in a gold colored Pontiac.

COUNTERFIET MONEY: An employee of DSW Shoes on Centerton Road reported a suspect used a counterfeit $100.00 bill to make a small purchase on January 21st. They believe the same suspect passed another $100.00 at their store on January 18th.

ARREST: On January 24th at 11:13 pm Mount Laurel Police responded to a suspicious person report on Route 38 near Midlantic Drive. During the investigation officers arrested Carley Evans, age 23, of Tabernacle, NJ for several outstanding criminal warrants. She was also found to possess hypodermic syringes. She was charged with possession of hypodermic syringes and committed to the Burlington County Jail.

ARREST: On January 25th at 9:03 pm Mount Laurel Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Marne Highway near Briggs Road. During the stop officers arrested Simon E. Higgins, age 26, of Moorestown, 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.

IDENTITY THEFT: A Mount Laurel resident reported that when she filed her 2015 taxes she was told that someone already used her social security number to file a fraudulent return.

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