



# Mount Laurel Police Department

## Press Release

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**FRAUD:** On July 20<sup>th</sup> a real estate agent reported that their office had discovered that a property they had just sold on South Larkspur Place was also fraudulently listed as a rental property on Craig's List. An unknown person listed the property as a rental and attempted to collect a deposit from a victim.

**ARREST:** At 6:15 am on July 22<sup>nd</sup> Mount Laurel Police and Mount Laurel Fire Department responded to a hotel on the 900 block of Route 73 for an activated fire alarm. The investigation revealed that an apparently intoxicated guest of the hotel had activated the fire alarm by triggering a pull station on the first floor of the hotel and then attempted to activate another one on the second floor. Officers located and arrested Altika E. Phifer, age 32, of Wilmington, DE. She was charged with false public alarms, a crime of the third degree, and released pending a court hearing.

**THEFT:** On July 22<sup>nd</sup> a business on Centerton Road reported that earlier that morning someone stole \$2,650.00 worth of metal shelving from the rear of the building. The shelving had been placed outside while contractors worked inside.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:** A resident on the 100 block of Briarwood Road reported that someone threw paint on his car and broke a taillight sometime between June 21<sup>st</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**THEFT:** An employee of ShopRite on Ark Road reported that someone stole his wallet from an unlocked locker in an employee area sometime between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**SHOPLIFTING:** At 2:47 pm on July 23<sup>rd</sup> an unknown suspect attempted to steal \$56.00 worth of Red Bull energy drink from Wegmans on Centerton Road. The suspect dropped the merchandise and fled the store when he was confronted by loss prevention officers.

**ARREST:** At 3:57 pm on July 23<sup>rd</sup> Mount Laurel Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 73 near Fellowship Road. During the stop officers arrested Terrence Durham, age 34, of Trenton, NJ for several outstanding warrants. After being arrested he was found in possession of marijuana. He was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and turned over to another jurisdiction for the warrants.



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**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:** During the overnight hours of July 23<sup>rd</sup> into the 24<sup>th</sup> two vehicles parked on Hastings Way and one vehicle parked on Carleton Lane had their tires slashed.

**ARREST:** At 1:46 pm on July 24<sup>th</sup> Mount Laurel Police responded to Dick's Sporting Goods on Nixon Drive for a shoplifting report. The investigation revealed the suspect, Justin O'Toole, age 43, of Greenlawn, NY, attempted to steal \$742.00 worth of merchandise, was wearing sneakers that he had stolen from another store and was in possession of a cutting tool he used to defeat anti-shoplifting devices. O'Toole was charged with shoplifting, receiving stolen property, and possession of an anti-shoplifting device. Bail was set at \$22,500.00 with no 10% option and he was remanded to the Burlington County jail.

**THEFT:** At 7:32 pm on July 24<sup>th</sup> a female suspect stole a tip jar from the snack bar at the Coco Keys water park on Route 73.

**ARREST:** At 1:28 am on July 25<sup>th</sup> Mount Laurel Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 73 near the NJ Turnpike. During the stop officers arrested Melissa J. Demauro, age 36, of Browns Mills, NJ for an outstanding warrant. After being arrested she was found in possession of hypodermic syringes. She was charged with possession of a hypodermic syringe and released after satisfying her warrant.

**ARREST:** At 11:46 am on July 26<sup>th</sup> Mount Laurel Police responded to a hotel on the 1100 block of Route 73 for the report of suspicious activity. During the investigation officers arrested Xavier J. Mussenden, age 21, of Willingboro, NJ for several outstanding warrants. He was also found in possession of marijuana. He was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and turned over to another jurisdiction for the warrants.

**THEFT:** During the overnight hours of July 25<sup>th</sup> into the 26<sup>th</sup> several unlocked vehicles parked on Ralston Drive were entered. Change and a backpack were stolen.

**ASSAULT:** At 7:56 pm on July 27<sup>th</sup> a 20 year old female victim reported that she pulled up to the fuel pumps at the Wawa on Route 73 and she inadvertently blocked another vehicle from being able to leave. The driver and the passenger of the blocked in vehicle, described as two white females in their early 50's, exited their car and started to yell at her for blocking them in. The victim exited her vehicle and was immediately assaulted by the other two females. Other customers broke up the fight and the two suspects left the area prior to police arrival in a white 2016 Ford Fiesta. The victim sustained minor scratches from the assault.



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**THEFT:** Between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm on July 27<sup>th</sup> a diaper bag containing a wallet and keys was stolen from the woman's locker room at Lifetime Fitness on Church Road.

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

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