



Mount Laurel Police Department

Press Release

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ARREST: At 8:50 pm on June 1st Mount Laurel Police responded to a disturbance at a hotel on Route 73. During the investigation officers arrested Summer R. Menta, age 21, of Turnersville, NJ for several criminal warrants from other jurisdictions. Subsequent to her arrest she was found in possession of crack cocaine and hypodermic syringes. She was charged with possession of cocaine and hypodermic syringes with bail set at \$21,000.00 with no 10% option. She was committed to the Burlington County Jail.

THEFT: An employee of Wegman's reported that a suspect scammed a store cashier out of \$178.00 at 8:55 pm on May 24th. The suspect purchased a \$500.00 money order and purposely confused the cashier with several exchanges of money. In the end he was able to walk away with the \$500.00 money order and only paid \$322.00.

ARREST: On April 26th a resident reported that they suspected a home health aide stole checks and \$3,000.00 worth of jewelry from their residence. The investigation revealed that the suspect forged two checks totaling \$2,500.00 and cashed them at a bank in Mount Laurel. An arrest warrant was obtained charging Deborah Flowers, age 59, of Lumberton, NJ with forgery. At 11:00 am on June 2nd Flowers turned herself in to Mount Laurel Police at headquarters. She posted a bond for \$10,000.00 and was released pending a court hearing.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: On June 2nd a business at 1155 Route 73 reported that someone cut lines on the central air-conditioning units behind their building sometime between May 25th and May 30th.

ARREST: At 7:57 am on June 3rd Mount Laurel Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 73 near Church Road. During the stop officers arrested Michael J. Hawthorne, age 38, of Mount Laurel for an outstanding warrant. He was also found in possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. Hawthorne was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of prescription legend drugs. He was committed to the Burlington County Jail.

THEFT: On June 3rd a resident on the 200 block of Belaire Terrace reported someone stole a cell phone from their unlocked vehicle. The victim believes the theft occurred between May 20th and May 21st.



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THEFT: On June 3rd the owner of a business at 3838 Church Road reported that a trailer that was parked in a rear parking lot was stolen. The trailer contained a Bill Elliot, McDonald's Edition 1996 Ford Thunderbird valued at \$50,000.00 and a K0111 Cobra motor valued at \$18,000.00 as well as miscellaneous car parts valued at \$7,000.00. The investigation revealed that a dark colored single cab pick-up truck left the parking lot with the stolen trailer at 11:35 pm on June 1st.

ARREST: At 4:17 pm on June 3rd Mount Laurel Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 73 near Church Road. During the stop officers arrested Ivan M. Paynter, age 28, of Philadelphia, PA. He was charged with possession on less than 50 grams of marijuana and released pending a court hearing.

ARREST: On April 24, 2015 Mount Laurel Police investigated a burglary and theft at a hotel on Nixon Drive. The investigation identified an employee as the suspect. A warrant charging Mr. Sharon A. Smith, age 32, Philadelphia, PA with burglary and theft was obtained. On June 3rd the Gloucester Township Police arrested Mr. Smith and turned him over to the Mount Laurel Police. Smith was committed to the Burlington County Jail in default of \$4,000.00 bail.

ARREST: At 10:20 pm On June 5th Mount Laurel police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 73 near Rogers Walk. During the stop officers arrested Stephen V. Edwards, age 18, of Philadelphia, PA. He was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana. He was released pending a court hearing.

SHOPLIFTING: An employee of Sports Authority on Centerton Road reported that a suspect stole a bicycle valued at \$659.00 from the store on June 7th at 2:56 pm. The suspect is described as a black male, average build, light skinned, 20's to 30's wearing dark clothing and a back pack.

ARREST: At 8:27 am on June 8th Mount Laurel Police conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 73 near Clover Road. During the stop officers arrested Taylor L. Hall, age 26, of Berlin, NJ. She provided a false identity to the officer in an attempt to avoid being arrested for multiple outstanding warrants. She was charged with hindering her own apprehension and committed to the Burlington County Jail.

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

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