

# UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP POLICE WEEKLY CRIME BULLETIN

February 1, 2008

## MALL AND VICINITY

**Theft from Vehicle – Bally’s, 256 Mall Blvd:** Occurred on 1/27/08 between 1615-1800 hrs. A wallet was stolen from the vehicle and its credit cards were later used at several locations. Suspect is a male, 50 yoa, with a handlebar mustache. He was wearing a flannel jacket and was described as being “dirty looking”.

**Attempted Vehicle Theft - Pole 34B, Plaza Lot:** Occurred on 1/30/08 between 1850-2027 hrs. Unknown person(s) punched the ignition in an unsuccessful attempt to steal a 2000 Ford Windstar van.

**Theft from Vehicles – Pole 5 and Court Lot:** Both occurred on 1/31/08 between 0930-1500 hrs. Stolen were two GPS systems and a stereo system.

**Theft from Vehicles – UGI Corp., 460 N. Gulph Rd:** Both occurred on 1/31/08 between 1400-1430 and 1600-1630 hrs. Stolen were two GPS systems.

**Retail Theft – Zumiez, 160 N. Gulph Rd:** Occurred on 1/31/08 at 2038 hrs. Stolen were three hooded sweatshirts. The first suspect is a male, wearing a brown hoodie and jeans. The second suspect is a female with brown braided hair and wearing a multi-colored hoodie.

## AREA NORTH OF ROUTE 202 AND WEST OF HENDERSON ROAD

**Theft from Vehicle – GSI Commerce, 935 1<sup>st</sup> Ave:** Occurred on 1/27/08 between 1200-1700 hrs. A GPS System was stolen from the vehicle.

**Theft from Vehicle– Valley Forge Radisson, 1160 1<sup>st</sup> Ave:** Occurred on 1/29/08 between 0930-1040 hrs. Assorted items were stolen from the vehicle.

**Theft from Vehicle– KOP Medical Center, 491 Allendale Rd:** Occurred on 1/31/08 between 0630-1015 hrs. Stolen was a GPS system and a purse. Another employee stated when she pulled into the lot there were numerous car alarms sounding and saw a small purple vehicle driving suspiciously in the lot.

## AREA EAST OF HENDERSON ROAD

**Credit Card Fraud – Staples, 316 S. Henderson Rd:** Occurred on 1/25/08 at 1450 hrs. The suspect is a female, mid to late 20’s, 4’5, 140 lbs, with brown hair, and wearing dark baggie clothing. This suspect attempted to purchase two American Express gift cards. The Visa check card she was using would not allow the transaction and she became nervous and left the store.

## GULPH MILLS AND VICINITY

**Theft from Vehicle – G.M.V.A., 649 S. Henderson Rd:** Occurred on 1/25/08 between 0200-1500 hrs. Stolen were a stereo, speakers, amplifier, and two tires with rims.

**Suicide Attempt - Woodland Cr:** Occurred on 1/28/08 at 1440 hours. A male subject was armed with a knife in a bedroom. When officers arrived the subject was bleeding from a slit wrist and was ready to charge the door. The subject was tasered and taken into custody without injury to himself or anyone else. Great Job to all Officers involved.

**Barricaded Subject- Best Western Motel, 127 S. Gulph Rd:** Occurred 1/29/08 at 2302 hrs. “A-Night” team investigated a domestic assault complaint from the wife of suspect. She reported that he had taken their one-year old child from her after pointing a handgun at her in Norristown. She had located him at the Best Western Motel. Officers determined the suspect had six warrants for drug/weapons offenses and was known to carry a gun. They attempted to talk to him but he would not respond to the door or phone. Officers secured the scene and CMSWAT responded. It was eventually confirmed that the baby was not in the room. After several hours of attempting to get the subject to surrender, officers discovered he had a 17-year old female inside the bathroom and the incident evolved into a hostage situation. The stand-off finally ended when both subjects surrendered. This volatile situation was handled professionally and no injuries were sustained by police or suspects. Great job by “A-Night” Team Patrol, Radio and CMSWAT!

**Criminal Mischief – 200 Block of S. Gulph Rd:** Occurred between 1/25/08 at 1800 hrs and 1/28/08 at 1030 hrs. Unknown persons threw stones and broke a glass door and windows.

**Theft from Vehicle – G.M.V.A., 649 S. Henderson Rd:** Occurred between 1/28/08 at 1800 hrs and 1/29/08 at 0800 hrs. A stereo system was stolen from the vehicle.

**Burglary – 700 Block of S. Gulph Rd:** Occurred on 1/28/08 at 1000 hrs. The homeowner was in the rear yard when a male, 30 yoa, 6’2, wearing a black jacket, black jeans and driving silver SUV pulled into her driveway. He stated he needed to check her property for a fire hazard. Later that night the victim noticed jewelry was missing.