

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP POLICE WEEKLY CRIME BULLETIN

June 27, 2008

Mall and Vicinity

Theft From Vehicles – Sheraton Park Ridge, 480. N Gulph Rd: Occurred between 2130 hrs on 6/20/08 and 0730 hrs on 6/21/08. Two vehicles were broken into and both had GPS systems stolen.

Theft from Vehicle – Bahama Breeze, 320 Goddard Blvd: Occurred on 6/23/08 between 1900 and 2210 hrs. Stolen was an IBM ThinkPad laptop, a hard drive and black bag.

Harassment – Gap Body, 690 W. DeKalb Pike: Occurred on 6/24/08 at 1604 hrs. The manager of the store saw a known shoplifter in the store with an arm full of clothing. When he asked her if she needed assistance she replied “How would you like it if I cut or mace you.” The female left the store and was spotted by UMPD Officers and was arrested.

Robbery –Shell Gas Station, 540 W. DeKalb Pike: Occurred on 6/27/08 at 1206 hrs. The store employee stated a male armed with a black semi automatic hand gun robbed the store. The suspect was approx. 6 feet tall had slight facial hair and a blue “do rag” on his head. He was also wearing a white shirt, blue jeans, and carried a black back pack in which he placed the money. He fled on foot and no vehicle was seen.

AREA NORTH OF ROUTE 202 AND WEST OF HENDERSON ROAD

Burglary Report – Flynn Company, 780 Third Ave: Discovered on 6/20/08 at 0959 hrs. A representative went to the building when it was learned there was no electrical service in the building. Unknown person(s) removed large amounts of service cable and copper piping.

Theft Report – Valley Forge Convention Center: Occurred on 6/22/08 between 1555 and 1605 hrs. The theft a pistol from the gun show. Stolen was a Walther P22, black, .22 cal semi-automatic handgun.

Criminal Mischief to Vehicle – 600 Block of Springdell Road: Occurred on 6/26/08 at approx. 2026 hrs. Victim reports that sometime between 2300 hrs on June 25 and 0800 hrs on June 26 unknown person(s) spray painted a stripe down the passenger side of her vehicle.

AREA EAST OF HENDERSON ROAD

Attempted Burglary – 100 Block of Redwood Rd: Discovered on 6/20/08 at 1839 hrs. Complainant stated she came home to find that a unknown person(s) removed weather stripping and lodged an unknown object in the keyhole of a door.

Theft Report – Sunoco, 100 W. DeKalb Pike: Occurred on 6/23/08 at 1936 hrs. The theft of a wallet from vehicle while the victim was pumping gas.

Theft Report – 460 Drew Ct: Occurred on 6/19/08 between 1900-2200 hrs. Stolen were 15 *NY Times* newspapers from a vending machine.

Theft from Vehicle – Upper Merion Boathouse: Occurred on 6/25/08 between 0545 and 0630 hrs. An unknown person broke a window on a vehicle taking a cell phone and cash.

GULPH MILLS AND VICINITY

Wanted Person – Motel 6, 815 W. DeKalb Pike: Occurred on 6/21/08 at 2238 hrs. While responding to a suspicious activity call, UMPD officers did a walk-through check of the building and discovered the smell of marijuana coming from a room. While checking the subject they found that he was wanted by Montgomery County Sheriff Dept for parole violations and was arrested.

Attempted Burglary – 1000 Block of Jones Rd: Occurred on 6/22/08 between 1000 and 1400 hrs. Unknown person(s) attempted to gain entry into the home.

Barricaded Subject – Motel 6, 815 W. DeKalb Pike: Occurred on 6/22/08 at 0054 hrs. The Whitmarsh Police Department was involved in a chase of a red Ford Focus that was reported stolen and had been used in a bank robbery. They lost sight of the vehicle on Ridge Pike. At 0116 hrs UMPD Officers located the vehicle parked in the weeds near Motel 6 unoccupied. It was learned that the subject was in a room where he refused to come out and stated he had a handgun. The Central Montgomery County SWAT team was called out and after several hours of unsuccessful negotiations the door was forced open and the suspect was taken into custody.

Burglary Report – 500 Wayne Dr: Occurred on 6/23/08 between 0800 and 2020 hrs. The complainant stated he came home to find a rear screen missing and the window open.