

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP POLICE WEEKLY CRIME BULLETIN

AUGUST 8, 2008

MALL AND VICINITY

Drug Arrest

King of Prussia Exxon, 620 W. DeKalb Pk. – Friday, 08/01/08 at 1645 hrs. – While on patrol, UMPD Officers observed a blue Nissan with a malfunctioning rear brake light. A vehicle stop was initiated and the driver was subsequently arrested for drug violations.

Sheraton Park Ridge, 480 N. Gulph Rd. – Tuesday, 08/05/08 at 2329 hrs. – UMPD responded for a report of a disturbance in a hotel room. When UMPD Officers entered the room they observed a male who appeared to be disoriented. After an investigation he was subsequently arrested for drug violations.

Criminal Mischief to Vehicle

Sheraton Park Ridge Hotel, 480 N. Gulph Rd. – Saturday, 08/02/08 between 0200-0911 hrs.
– Victim reported that unknown person damaged the driver side mirror of his vehicle.

Theft from Vehicle

West Garage, 160 N. Gulph Rd. – Tuesday, 08/05/08 between 1245-1539 hrs. – Victim reported that her GPS unit was stolen from inside her vehicle. Unknown person(s) gained entry by smashing the driver's side window of the victim's vehicle.

Robbery in Progress

Abercrombie & Fitch, 160 N. Gulph Rd. – Monday, 08/04/08 between 1300-1345 hrs. – Store employees reported that they observed two males enter the store carrying a large shopping bag that they observed as being a lined booster bag. The suspects exited the store and the employees followed them to several other stores noticing that the bag was getting heavier. The suspects left the mall and noticed that the employees were following them. One of the suspects dropped the bag and approached the employees while brandishing a knife in his hand. The employees backed away and the suspects fled in a gray Cadillac STS. The vehicle was stopped by UMPD Officers on Route 202 and the suspects were taken into custody with the knife and stolen merchandise recovered.

Vehicle Theft

Court Lot by Legal Seafood – Thursday, 08/07/08 between 0700-1600 hrs. – Victim reported that his 1996 green Honda Accord, PA Reg. #GSG1839, was stolen from the second level of the Court lot.

Court Lot by California Pizza Kitchen – Thursday, 08/07/08 between 0800-1600 hrs. – Victim reported that his 1990 red Honda Accord, PA Reg. #GBC8361, was stolen from the second level of the Court lot.

AREA NORTH OF ROUTE 202 AND WEST OF HENDERSON ROAD

Theft from Vehicle

Perfect Events, 180 Town Center Rd. – Monday, 08/04/08 – Victim reported that her GPS unit and her purse containing cash, checks and several credit cards were stolen from inside her vehicle. A credit card was later used in the Plaza. Unknown person(s) gained entry by smashing the passenger side window of the victim's vehicle while it was parked in the rear parking lot.

200 Block of Meadowbrook Rd. – Between Thursday, 07/31/08 at 2000 hrs. and Friday, 08/01/08 at 0800 hrs. – While investigating thefts from vehicles on Dorothy Drive a suspect was found to be in possession of silver iPod. Subsequent investigations determined that this was stolen from a vehicle but was not reported at the time of the theft as the owner was on vacation. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody at his residence and was also linked to another theft from vehicle.

AREA EAST OF HENDERSON ROAD

Receiving Stolen Property

400 Block of Dorothy Dr. – Monday, 08/04/08 at 0444 hrs. – Complainant reported that she saw a male going through her neighbor's vehicle. She yelled at him and he left heading toward Anderson Rd. UMPD responded and stopped a male. The witness could not positively identify the suspect, nor could he be linked to any of the thefts from vehicles in the area. The suspect was in possession of an iPod which was later reported stolen and he was subsequently arrested for Receiving Stolen Property. (See above entry)

Theft Report

100 Block of Brownlie Rd. – Between Tuesday, 08/05/08 and Thursday, 08/07/08 at 2123 hrs. – Victims reported that two rings and a camera were taken from inside their bedroom.

GULPH MILLS AND VICINITY

Theft from Vehicle

500 Block of Grove Lane – Between Thursday, 07/31/08 at 1300 hrs. and Friday, 08/01/08 at 1300 hrs. – Victim reported that his wallet and cell phone were stolen from inside his unlocked vehicle. The wallet contained numerous credit cards and ID. Credit card companies showed activity at local gas stations.

Home Depot, 181 S. Gulph Rd. – Saturday, 08/02/08 between 1225-1240 hrs. – Complainant reported that two saws and two blades were stolen from the back of his truck while he was in the store.

MISCELLANEOUS

Assist other Law Enforcement

Schuylkill Expressway – Monday, 08/04/08 at 2317 hrs. – UMPD responded to a report of an accident with a vehicle fire. There were approximately seven vehicles involved and nine to ten people injured with several laying in the street. One male was pulled from his vehicle, which was wedged under the burning truck, by several males on scene. UMPD officers rendered aid to the victims until medics arrived.