UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP POLICE



WEEKLY BULLETIN

For the week ending on January 19, 2017

Upper Merion Police Officers responded to 537 calls for service including 22 automobile crashes, 6 Retail Thefts, 6 domestics, 9 disabled vehicles, 13 meet complainants and 34 alarms. Some notable incidents from the same are detailed below:

MALL AND VICINITY

Bomb Threat

H and M 160 North Gulph Road – occurred 1/13/17 at 2023 hours

A female called the store three times. The first time she called and asked for the manager, but hung up prior to the manager answering the call. The next two times she called she stated her friends were going to be there in 10 minutes to blow the place up. The manager stated they had not terminated anyone recently and no one working claimed to have any issues with anyone.

Criminal Mischief

United Artist Theater 300 Goddard Blvd – occurred 1/16/17 between 1045 and 1440 hours Victim returned to his vehicle to find a rear window was smashed out but nothing was missing from inside. The victim did find an elastic bracelet that did not belong to him inside the vehicle.

Retail Theft

Free People 640 West DeKalb Pike – occurred 1/12/17 at 1724 hours

An employee stated there were two females, one carrying two large shopping bags, that selected numerous items and were in and out of the dressing room. When an employee went to clean up the dressing room area they found five security sensors on the bench.

Vehicle Theft Report

City Works 220 Main Street – occurred 1/14/17 1645 hours between 1815 and 1955 hrs.

The victim noticed her vehicle keys were missing from her coat pocket. When she went out to check on her 2008 Jeep Liberty she found it unlocked and items missing from inside. She went back inside work to locate a locksmith and when she returned 20 minutes later her vehicle was gone. The manager stated he watched CCTV after the theft of keys and found employee another employee went into the locker area around 1230 hours and went out a back door for about 10 minutes before returning. When the manager questioned the employee she denied taking anything. When she learned the police were coming she disappeared. At 0451 hours on 1/15/17 Philadelphia PD stopped the stolen white Jeep and arrested the driver the suspected employee.

AREA NORTH OF ROUTE 202 AND WEST OF HENDERSON ROAD

Suspicious Activity

500 block of General Learned Road – occurred 1/16/17 at 1435 hours

Juvenile resident was home alone in the lower level of the house when he heard a male enter the house via the front door. The male was calling into the house looking for "Margaret". The juvenile yelled up to the male that there was no Margaret that lived there and he needed to leave. The male left in a newer white Kia Sorrento. Another neighbor stated that the previous residence name was Margaret.

Theft Report

300 block of Old Fort Road – occurred between 1/15/17 and 1/17/17

The resident stated someone entered his unlocked vehicle parked in his driveway and removed his stainless steel Kahr K40 .40 caliber handgun.

Vehicle Theft Report

300 block of Country Lane – occurred 1/12/17 between 0130 and 0815 hours

The resident stated that he met a friend who asked if he could spend the night. When the resident woke in the morning the friend and his grey 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe were gone. The vehicle was later recovered by the Port Authority Police, and the driver was arrested.

AREA EAST OF HENDERSON ROAD

Disturbance

Walgreens 119 East DeKalb pike – occurred 1/13/17 at 1632 hours

The pharmacist called because a customer wanted to exchange his prescription medications because he believed they were sugar pills. When officers arrived the customer left without incident.

Retail Theft

Giant Food Stores 310 S. Henderson Road – occurred 1/12/17 between 1808 and 1838 hours Giant called stating a female took a hot food plate and two travel mugs and left the store. Officers found a female matching the description walking on Saulin Blvd. It was apparent that the female has a mental health disorder, so the manager did not press charges, but told her she is not allowed back in the store.

GULPH MILLS AND VICINITY

Recovered Stolen Property

Gulph Mills P and W Station 925 Trinity Lane – occurred 1/14/17 at 2328 hours

UMPD received a call for a disabled vehicle blocking. On arrival a blue 1998 Honda Civic was off to the side of the roadway and was reported stolen out of Boston, MA earlier in the day.

Theft Reports

1200 block of Denbigh Lane – occurred between 1/11/17 and 1/12/17 0600 hours

An unknown actor entered three garages through unsecured man doors. Items missing include loose change, ski jacket, flashlight, and cash and two packs of cigarettes. One resident stated they heard their dog barking at approximately 0100 hours but they did not look to see what was going on.

100 block of Upper Gulph Road - occurred between 1/11/17 and 1/12/17

The resident stated that both of his unlocked vehicles were gone through overnight. There was nothing missing from the one vehicle, but there was an old cell phone and air card missing from the second vehicle.

Wanted Person

251 DeKalb Apartments East 251 West DeKalb Pike – occurred 1/19/17 at 0020 hours While on patrol police came upon a running occupied 2007 silver Buick, dark tinted windows. The Buick was reported stolen out of Upper Darby. When approached the male operator refused to give his name and appeared to be reaching for something between the seat and the door. The male then put the vehicle in reverse backed into the patrol vehicle and took off at a high rate of speed. Officers did not pursue the vehicle and Upper Darby was advised.