

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP POLICE



WEEKLY BULLETIN

For the week ending on **May 4, 2017**

Upper Merion Police Officers responded to 582 calls for service including 31 automobile crashes, 5 Retail Thefts, 6 domestics, 8 disabled vehicles, 10 meet complainants and 38 alarms. Some notable incidents from the same are detailed below:

MALL AND VICINITY

Theft Report

Loft Store 160 North Gulph Road – occurred 4/22/17 at 2010 hours

An unknown actor stole a wallet which was on a shelf in the fitting room as the owner tried on clothes.

Wegman's Market 1 Village Drive – occurred 4/28/17 at 1648 hours

An unknown actor (possibly a female) stole a purse from the back of a child's stroller as the owner loaded groceries into her car.

Theft from Vehicle

Champps American Bar & Grill 330 Goddard Blvd – 4/26/17 between 1630 and 2030 hrs.

Unknown actor(s) stole a brief case containing a laptop computer, charger and 4 sets of headphones from the front passenger side of a vehicle while parked at location.

Robbery

Royal Bank 655 West DeKalb Pike – occurred 4/27/17 at 1224 hours

A W/M (late 30's, thin build, 5'6, thick shaggy hair to the collar with long bangs, full beard, glasses, wearing a suite with sneakers and black gloves) walked across Route 202 at 1218 hours from the Court parking lot. He then walked into the bank, approached the manager, implied that he had a weapon and demanded cash. The male then approached the teller's counter where he placed cash and a dye pack into a small brown paper bag with handles, which he brought into the bank with him. He then fled on foot, northbound, across DeKalb Pike toward the Court. He was last seen running into the second level of the "Blue Parking Garage" near Macy's.

AREA NORTH OF ROUTE 202 AND WEST OF HENDERSON ROAD

Criminal Mischief

500 block of Firethorn Road – occurred between 4/30/17 and 5/1/17

Unknown actor(s) threw eggs at a vehicle parked on location.

Retail Theft

Bed Bath and Beyond 224 West DeKalb Pike – occurred 4/30/17 at 1155 hours

Two males entered the store together. One male distracted employees, while the other male grabbed an espresso machine before they both ran from the store.

Sunoco A Plus 100 West DeKalb Pike – occurred 4/30/17 at 2113 hours

A male asked for and received two cartons of Newport cigarettes, then ran from the store without paying.

AREA EAST OF HENDERSON ROAD

Theft Report

Vertex Renovation 2301 Renaissance Blvd – occurred between 4/10/17 and 4/27/17

A contractor working at the location reports two separate thefts from an unlocked room on the first floor. On 4/14/17 a pallet of tile was discovered missing. On 4/27/17 a second pallet of tile, discovered missing.

GULPH MILLS AND VICINITY

(no incidents to report)

MISCELLANEOUS

Upper Merion Police has seen an increase in the "Arrested/Injured family member" scam. The caller identifies him/herself as a family member stating that they either have been arrested or are in a hospital. The caller requests that money be sent to them as they need it to post bail or to pay a hospital bill. The caller may also ask you to not contact their parents or other family members regarding this situation as they are either embarrassed or don't want to alarm them. If any money is sent it will be lost. So please check into the situation before sending any money. Contact the family member and verify with them that they are alright. For information on this scam and many others visit the Federal Trade Commission web-site: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts>