



POLICE BLOTTER

March 28, 2021 to April 3, 2021

Incident Date & Time: 3/29/2021 16:36:00
Incident Location: 500 block of Cumberland St.
Incident Type: Theft
Case #: 21-07497

A resident of the 500 block of Cumberland Street reported that on 03-29-2021 between 1000 and 1315 hours an unknown suspect(s) stole a small garden flag from his front lawn. The flag was described as a red, blue and yellow flag honoring first responders. Owner estimated value of the stolen property is \$20.00.

Incident Date & Time: 3/29/2021 18:05
Incident Location: 300 block of Central Ave.
Incident Type: Fraud, Identity Theft
Case #: 21-07504

A resident of 300 block Central Ave. reported being a victim of identity theft and fraud. Victim stated that after reviewing his credit report he discovered that unknown suspect(s) opened a cable service account in his name in Louisiana, with an outstanding balance of \$1,727.29. A second account was also opened under his name at unknown location. Lastly, an income tax return was filed in Alabama under victim's social security number.

Incident Date & Time: 3/29/2021 19:02
Incident Location: 100 Block Elm St.
Incident Type: DUI
Case #: 21-07505
Arrestee: Thomas Crain, 68, Westfield

Thomas D. Crain was placed under arrest by Officers Fourre and Jackus for Driving While Intoxicated, N.J.S.A. 39:4-50, pursuant to a call for service regarding an intoxicated male entering his vehicle and attempting to drive away in the parking lot of a business in the 100 block of Elm Street. He was issued a motor vehicle summons with a mandatory Westfield Municipal Court date of 04/06/2021 at 0900 hours.

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Incident Date & Time: 3/30/2021 15:37
Incident Location: 500 block of Hillside Ave.
Incident Type: Fraud
Case #: 21-07558

A resident of the 500 block of Hillside Avenue reported being a victim of credit card fraud. Victim stated that on February 24, 2021 an unknown suspect(s) made several unauthorized credit card purchases at Target Department Stores located throughout Union County, New Jersey. Furthermore, suspect(s) also made two unauthorized cash advance transactions from a location in East Orange, New Jersey. Total estimated loss resulting from these fraudulent credit card transactions is \$2,552.06.

Incident Date & Time: 3/31/2021 9:57
Incident Location: 700 block of Central Ave.
Incident Type: Warrant
Case #: 21-07623
Arrestee: Gerard R. Yacilla, 56, Westfield

Gerard R. Yacilla was arrested on the strength of Newark Municipal Court traffic warrant in the amount of \$69.00 pursuant to an investigation in the 700 block of Central Avenue. Subject was processed at the scene and released on his own recognizance pending appearance at the Newark Municipal Court.

Incident Date & Time: 3/31/2021 15:37
Incident Location: 400 block of East Broad St
Incident Type: Found Property
Case #: 21-07649

An employee of the Town of Westfield reported that she found a visa gift card on the ground outside of the Town of Westfield Municipal Building. Gift card was surrendered to the Westfield Police Department and it was secured for safekeeping. The Westfield Police Department is attempting to locate the owner of this found property.

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Incident Date & Time: 3/31/2021 16:01
Incident Location: 800 block of Forest Ave.
Incident Type: Fraud, Identity Theft
Case #: 21-07564

A resident of the 800 block of Forest Ave reported being a victim of identity theft and fraud. Victim stated that unknown actor(s) used her identity to apply for unemployment benefits. She was alerted to this fraudulent activity when she received a notice of approval from the New Jersey Labor Department.

Incident Date & Time: 4/2/2021 17:11
Incident Location: 1100 block of West South Ave.
Incident Type: Shoplifting
Case #: 21-07816

An employee of an establishment in the 1100 block of West South Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey, reported a shoplifting that occurred. Unknown actor entered the establishment, proceeded to shoplift numerous health and personal hygiene products and left the establishment without paying. The estimated amount of the value of the merchandise was \$491.67.

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