



POLICE BLOTTER

October 31, 2021 to November 6, 2021

Incident Date & Time: 10/31/2021 12:49

Incident Location: 100 block of Elm St.

Incident Type: Shoplifting

Case #: 21-27616

Arrestee: Michelle Strauss, 63, Springfield

Michelle Strauss of Springfield was placed under arrest for shoplifting at a business located on the 100 block of Elm Street. Strauss was charged with being in possession of stolen goods valued at less than \$200.00 after a short curbside investigation pursuant to a motor vehicle stop. She was released on a summons with a pending municipal court date.

Incident Date & Time: 10/31/2021 21:51

Incident Location: W. North Ave. & Traffic Plaza

Incident Type: DWI

Case #: 21-27661

Arrestee: Luann Roselle, 57, Westfield

Luann Roselle was arrested by Officers Natale and Swiderski after a motor vehicle crash investigation for driving under the influence. She was released to a sober adult with a pending court date.

Incident Date & Time: 10/31/2021 23:04

Incident Location: W. North Ave. & Clark St.

Incident Type: Possession of False Government Identification

Case #: 21-27670

Arrestee: Gustavo Barco, 19, Fanwood

Officers DiBella and Fourre conducted a motor vehicle stop on West North Avenue near the intersection of Clark Street. During their investigation, they arrested the driver, Gustavo Barco of Fanwood for being in possession of false government identification. Barco was released on a summons with a pending court date.

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Incident Date & Time: 11/1/2021 8:00
Incident Location: 900 block of Grandview Ave.
Incident Type: Fraud, Identity Theft
Case #: 21-27700

A resident of the 900 block of Grandview Avenue reports a fraudulent FEMA disaster assistance claim was filed in her name. There was no monetary loss nor money paid out in association to this claim. The claim was filed using the resident's pedigree information.

Incident Date & Time: 11/1/2021 8:00
Incident Location: 0-100 block of Genesee Tr.
Incident Type: Fraud, Identity Theft
Case #: 21-27719

A resident of the 0-100 block of Genesee Trail reports that there were several accounts opened fraudulently in her name. The balance owed was \$898.00. These accounts appeared to be opened in the year 2020.

Incident Date & Time: 11/1/2021 12:23
Incident Location: 300 block of First St.
Incident Type: Terroristic Threats / Harassment
Case #: 21-27725

A private building located on the 300 block of First Street received anti-Semitic literature placed on photocopied paper threatening harm if they were not distributed.

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Incident Date & Time: 11/1/2021 12:50

Incident Location: Ludlow Pl. & Nelson Ave.

Incident Type: Motor Vehicle - Burglary - Attempted, Motor Vehicle - Theft - Attempted

Case #: 21-27729

Residents reported observing an attempted burglary / theft of a United States Postal Truck that was parked near the intersection of Ludlow Place and Nelson Avenue. A 2-door coupe, described as possibly a "Honda", with heavily tinted windows and an extremely loud exhaust system was seen in the area. Two males described as being thin and wearing dark gray sweat pants and sweatshirts with masks covering their faces exited the 2-door coupe and approached the USPS mail truck. Witnesses state that both males attempted to enter the truck by pulling on the door handles. When the males could not enter the truck, they immediately fled back to the 2-door coupe and the vehicle quickly exited the area.

Incident Date & Time: 11/1/2021 15:39

Incident Location: 800 block of Summit Ave.

Incident Type: Fraud

Case #: 21-27749

A resident of the 800 Block of Summit Avenue reported fraudulent charges to their bank account in the amount of \$81.56.

Incident Date & Time: 11/1/2021 17:22

Incident Location: 600 block of West South Ave.

Incident Type: Warrant Arrest

Case #: 21-27758

Arrestee: Fabiola Brenis, 39, Linden

Fabiola Brenis was arrested by Officers Jaramillo and DiBella, pursuant to a motor vehicle stop for an outstanding Elizabeth Municipal Court warrant. Brenis was transported to Westfield Police Headquarters where she was processed and released with a new court date.

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Incident Date & Time: 11/2/2021 8:04
Incident Location: 800 block of Lenape Tr.
Incident Type: Motor Vehicle - Burglary, Theft
Case #: 21-27804

A resident of the 800 block of Lenape Trail reports that during the overnight hours between 11/01/2021 and 11/02/2021 her vehicle was burglarized while parked in her driveway. The vehicle was entered by unknown actor(s) and a pair of "Ray Ban" sunglasses valued at approximately \$100.00 were taken.

Incident Date & Time: 11/3/2021 3:44
Incident Location: 300 block of Woods End Rd.
Incident Type: Burglary - Home, Motor Vehicle - Burglary, Theft
Case #: 21-27895

A resident reports they were a victim of burglary to their motor vehicle as well as their home. The actor entered the victim's unlocked motor vehicle while it was parked in their driveway. The actor then opened the garage door of the residence using the garage door opener that was in said vehicle. The actor then entered the garage and possibly the home of the resident. The actor was observed by the resident fleeing the area down their driveway and entering an awaiting motor vehicle. The actor retained the garage door open, thus constituting a theft. The value of the garage door opener is approximately \$50.

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Incident Date & Time: 11/3/2021 15:51

Incident Location: 300 block of W. South Ave.

Incident Type: Fraud

Case #: 21-27972

An individual reported that an establishment on the 300 block of West South Avenue prepared and submitted a fraudulent tax return on her behalf. The victim stated that around June 27, 2020, she had her 2019 taxes prepared and were later submitted without her knowledge. She went on to state that the tax return that had been filed on her behalf was in fact in the name of another employee at the establishment. The victim's money owed to her totaled approximately \$3,600.00 in total. This money was for the tax return as well as the stimulus checks supplied by the government.

Incident Date & Time: 11/3/2021 18:51

Incident Location: W. South Ave. & Summit Ave.

Incident Type: Theft

Case #: 21-27984

A resident reported a theft of his bicycle from the area of West South Avenue and Summit Avenue. The resident stated that he parked his silver-colored Trek mountain bicycle and locked it in that area at approximately 0700 hours. Upon his return at approximately 1851 hours, he found the chain cut and his bicycle gone. The bicycle is valued at approximately \$300.00.

Incident Date & Time: 11/4/2021 13:03

Incident Location: 100 block North Euclid Ave.

Incident Type: Motor Vehicle - Theft

Case #: 21-28031

A resident reports their vehicle was stolen overnight. The vehicle was parked in the roadway unlocked with the key in the vehicle at the time of the theft. The vehicle, a 2019 BMW, had an approximate value of \$32,000. Subsequent investigation determined that the vehicle was stolen between about 2:00 AM and 2:45 AM.

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Incident Date & Time: 11/5/2021 16:48
Incident Location: 500 block of Downer St.
Incident Type: Fraud
Case #: 21-28123

A resident of the 500 block of Downer Street reported an incident regarding a fraudulent prescription. The resident stated that she had received a phone call from a pharmacy in town regarding a prescription that needed to be filled. At that time, it was determined that the resident was never prescribed a new medication. Attempts to speak with the issuing party regarding this incident produced negative results. The resident did not suffer any loss and the prescription was never filled.

Incident Date & Time: 11/6/2021 9:03
Incident Location: 1000 block of E. Broad St
Incident Type: Burglary - Other, Criminal Mischief, Theft
Case #: 21-28158

A business in the area of 1000 block of East Broad Street reported that a burglary occurred on their premise. Unknown actor(s) entered a detached structure on the property. The actor(s) then committed criminal mischief by cutting locks on employee lockers. The actor(s) then stole over \$600.

Incident Date & Time: 11/6/2021 14:48
Incident Location: 500 block of W. South Ave.
Incident Type: Motor Vehicle - Burglary - Attempted
Case #: 21-28181

A business representative stated he witnessed an actor attempt to open the door of motor vehicle that was parked on their property. The actor was unable to gain access to the vehicle because the doors were locked. The business representative then yelled at the actor who ran back to an awaiting vehicle and fled the area.

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