



POLICE BLOTTER

December 26, 2021 to January 1, 2022

Incident Date & Time: 12/26/2021 9:45
Incident Location: 200 block of E. South Ave.
Incident Type: Theft
Case #: 21-32695

A patron of a business located on the 200 block of East South Avenue reports a theft of an item from their vehicle while parked on the business property. An unknown party entered the vehicle and took an item of sentimental value to the owner. The value of the item is not known at this time.

Incident Date & Time: 12/26/2021 12:00
Incident Location: 200 block of Tuttle Pkwy
Incident Type: Found Property
Case #: 21-32700

A red razor scooter in new condition was found lying on the sidewalk of the 200 block of Tuttle Parkway on 12/26/2021. It was reported that the scooter was left there on 12/25/2021. The scooter was taken into the Westfield Police Department for safekeeping.

Incident Date & Time: 12/26/2021 12:04
Incident Location: 100 block of E. Broad St.
Incident Type: Animal Incident / Bite
Case #: 21-32706

A resident of Scotch Plains reports that he was bitten on the leg by a dog on the 100 block of East Broad Street. At approximately 1204 hours, the victim was walking on East Broad Street when a small black and tan dog lunged and bit him on the leg. The party walking the dog is described as a white female in her mid 30s. There is no further identifying information for the female.

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Incident Date & Time: 12/27/2021 1:23

Incident Location: 200 block of Golf Edge

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

Case #: 21-32766

A resident reported that a vehicle stopped in front of his residence, a suspect exited a vehicle and attempted to make entry into his parked vehicles. The victim's vehicles were both locked at the time of the incident. The vehicle was later observed by a Westfield Police Officer and a short pursuit was initiated and terminated after the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed.

Incident Date & Time: 12/27/2021 2:50

Incident Location: Michael Dr.

Incident Type: Motor Vehicle - Burglary

Case #: 21-32773

During the course of an investigation and canvass of the area due to an attempted motor vehicle burglary / theft (21-32766), Westfield Police notified a resident that his vehicle was burglarized. The resident reported nothing was missing but items were moved around the interior of the vehicle.

Incident Date & Time: 12/27/2021 2:51

Incident Location: Michael Dr.

Incident Type: Motor Vehicle - Burglary

Case #: 21-32774

During the course of an investigation and canvass of the area due to an attempted motor vehicle burglary / theft (21-32766), Westfield Police notified a resident that their vehicle was burglarized. Stolen from the vehicle was a wallet and various credit cards.

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Incident Date & Time: 12/27/2021 3:00
Incident Location: Sandra Cir.
Incident Type: Motor Vehicle - Burglary
Case #: 21-32775

During the course of an investigation and canvass of the area due to an attempted motor vehicle burglary / theft (21-32766), Westfield Police notified a resident that their vehicle was burglarized. The resident reported nothing was missing but items were moved around the interior of the vehicle.

Incident Date & Time: 12/27/2021 3:00
Incident Location: Sandra Cir.
Incident Type: Motor Vehicle - Burglary - Attempted
Case #: 21-32875

A resident reported that video surveillance captured a suspect attempting to gain entry into a motor vehicle parked on the Sandra Circle by pulling on the door handles. The attempt was unsuccessful and the suspect entered what appeared to be a dark colored 4-door vehicle and left the area.

Incident Date & Time: 12/27/2021 15:55
Incident Location: 400 block of W. South Ave.
Incident Type: Found Property
Case #: 21-32796

A blue "Giant" mountain bicycle was found in the bushes of a business located on the 400 block of West South Avenue on 12/27/2021. The bicycle is in poor condition with no identifiers found on it for owner information. The bicycle was taken to the Westfield Police Department for safekeeping.

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Incident Date & Time: 12/28/2021 2:24
Incident Location: 500 block of West South Avenue
Incident Type: Motor Vehicle - Burglary, Theft
Case #: 21-32883

A resident reports that during the early morning hours an unknown suspect made entry into his vehicle and took approximately \$1400.00 worth of items from it. The vehicle was parked in a parking deck near the resident's apartment complex. The items stolen include a green Titleist golf bag which contained a set of Titleist golf clubs, a Nikon Rangefinder and a pair of gray Footjoy golf shoes.

Incident Date & Time: 12/28/2021 12:09
Incident Location: 100 block of Quimby St.
Incident Type: DWI
Case #: 21-32897
Arrestee: Joan Affleck, 62, Westfield

On 12/28/2021 at approximately 1209 hours, Joan Affleck, age 62 of Westfield was placed under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated on the 100 block of Quimby St.

Incident Date & Time: 12/28/2021 15:30
Incident Location: 600 block of E. Broad St.
Incident Type: Theft
Case #: 21-32917

A resident of the 600 block of East Broad Street reports that on 12/28/2021 at approximately 1330 hours a delivery was made to their residence. When the package was checked approximately an hour later, the items that the box contained were missing. A separate package located in the resident's rear yard was also opened with the item it held also taken. The items stolen are described as two (2) tweed jackets and one (1) compost scoop. The total value of items taken is \$315.00.

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Incident Date & Time: 12/29/2021 16:12
Incident Location: 100 block of Hawthorne Dr.
Incident Type: Fraud
Case #: 21-33044

A resident of the 100 block of Hawthorne Drive reported he received a text message from an unknown actor regarding his credit card and a purchase for \$249.00. He was asked to reply to the text message as to whether he made that purchase. An additional text message was sent stating a fraud specialist would be contacting him. The unknown actor confirmed actual purchases made by the resident and asked the resident to confirm a code. By taking such action, the actor was able to gain access to his bank account. The unknown actor withdrew \$2,500.00 and \$2,499.99 through a cash application.

Incident Date & Time: 12/29/2021 21:37
Incident Location: 1000 block of W. North Ave.
Incident Type: Fraud
Case #: 21-33073

A resident of the 1000 block of West North Avenue reports that an unknown actor(s) hacked one of her social media accounts. The unknown actor(s) stated that if she provided information regarding a cash application she uses and sent \$100.00, the person would unhack her. The unknown actor(s) used a fake social media account. At this time, the resident did not suffer any monetary loss.

Incident Date & Time: 12/30/2021 13:21
Incident Location: 500 block of Edgar Rd.
Incident Type: Fraud, Identity Theft
Case #: 21-33140

A resident of the 500 block of Edgar Road reports being a victim of a fraud and identity theft from their bank account at Wells Fargo. Unknown actors took a total \$24,920.00 from various accounts.

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Incident Date & Time: 12/30/2021 17:23
Incident Location: Fairfield Cir. & Washington St.
Incident Type: CDS
Case #: 21-33166
Arrestee: Jack Poffenberger, 56, Rahway

Jack Poffenberger, age 56, of Rahway was placed under arrest for Possession of CDS (Crack Cocaine) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia pursuant to a motor vehicle stop in the area of Fairfield Circle and Washington Street. Poffenberger was transported to Westfield Police Department Headquarters where he was processed and released.

Incident Date & Time: 12/31/2021 0:44
Incident Location: 100 block of Golf Edge
Incident Type: Suspicious Incident / Person / Vehicle
Case #: 21-33222

A resident from the 100 block of Golf Edge reported a suspicious person ringing their doorbell. Upon Westfield Police arrival, the homeowner provided responding officers with footage from his Ring camera. This footage depicts a white juvenile male wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, sunglasses, slippers and sweatpants tucked into his socks ringing the doorbell and uttering obscenities. A search of the area yielded negative results for this suspect.

Incident Date & Time: 12/31/2021 9:47
Incident Location: 500 block of Parkview Ave.
Incident Type: Criminal Mischief
Case #: 21-33264

A resident of the 500 block of Parkview Avenue reported being a victim of Criminal Mischief as the victim's vehicle had three (3) tires deflated by unknown actors with a sharp object. A canvass of the area did not produce any witnesses or surveillance footage.

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Incident Date & Time: 12/31/2021 15:00
Incident Location: Wickom Drive
Incident Type: Motor Vehicle - Burglary - Attempted
Case #: 21-33294

A witness on Wickom Drive reported an attempted motor vehicle burglary by unknown actors. The suspects fled the area in a vehicle when observed by the witness. Another vehicle was found to have been burglarized nearby.

Incident Date & Time: 12/31/2021 15:01
Incident Location: 100 block of Tamaques Way
Incident Type: Motor Vehicle - Burglary
Case #: 21-33298

A resident of the 100 block of Tamaques Way reported being the victim of a motor vehicle burglary. An unknown actor exited a white-colored SUV with dark-colored tinted windows and dark-colored wheels and entered the victim's vehicle. The unknown actor was in the vehicle for a short period of time and fled the area after getting back into the suspect vehicle. No items were reported stolen from the victim vehicle. The unknown actor was described as a tall male wearing dark clothing with gloves on.

Incident Date & Time: 1/1/2022 16:01
Incident Location: Bennett Place
Incident Type: Motor Vehicle - Burglary
Case #: 22-00101
Arrestee: Juvenile, 17, Newark

On 1/1/2022 at approximately 1601 hours, a juvenile male from Newark was arrested for burglary to a motor vehicle which occurred on Bennett Place. Additionally, the juvenile had an outstanding warrant out of Essex County. He was later remanded to the Essex County Youth Detention Facility.

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Incident Date & Time: 1/1/2022 20:27:
Incident Location: E. North Ave. & Elm St.
Incident Type: Obstruction of Justice / Disorderly Conduct
Case #: 22-00137
Arrestee: Jamel Sheppard, 33, Scotch Plains

On 1/1/2022 at approximately 2027 hours, Jamel Sheppard, age 33, Scotch Plains, was arrested near the intersection of North Avenue and Elm Street for Obstruction of Justice and Disorderly Conduct. He was transported to Westfield Police Headquarters where he was processed and released on a summons with a Westfield Municipal court date of February 1, 2022 at 0900 hours.

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