



POLICE BLOTTER

January 30, 2022 to February 5, 2022

Incident Date & Time: 1/31/2022 18:12
Incident Location: 1000 block of Lawrence Ave.
Incident Type: Fraud, Theft by Deception
Case #: 22-04923

A resident of the 1000 block of Lawrence Avenue reported being the victim of fraud and theft by deception. The victim states that starting January 28, 2022 through January 31, 2022, an unknown actor(s) told the victim that they were the new pastor at a church in Plainfield and that they needed gift cards for cancer patients. She was told to purchase numerous Apple gift cards, take a photo of the back of the cards and then send it to the suspect. The total loss as a result of this scam was approximately \$2,000.00.

Incident Date & Time: 2/1/2022 18:00
Incident Location: 700 block of Winyah Ave.
Incident Type: Suspicious Incident / Person / Vehicle
Case #: 22-05144

A resident of the 700 block of Winyah Avenue reported while exiting the residence at approximately 1800 hours, her husband observed a suspicious male who appeared young in age standing at the end of the driveway. When eye contact was made, the suspicious male ran to a vehicle waiting in the area. The resident's husband was unable to provide any further description of the individual or the vehicle.

Incident Date & Time: 2/2/2022 12:52
Incident Location: Marion Ave.
Incident Type: Identity Theft
Case #: 22-05289

A resident stated she had a "remote" job interview and was offered a position with a company. At that time the resident provided personal information commonly provided for new employment. However, the resident then contacted the company in question through other means and learned there was no job offer and the entire exchange was a rouse to obtain the resident's identity. The resident has suffered no monetary loss at this time.

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Incident Date & Time: 2/2/2022 15:08
Incident Location: 700 block of Clark St.
Incident Type: Fraud
Case #: 22-05308

A resident reports that a check he wrote was altered. The check was changed in several ways including the amount and the recipient of funds. The resident is currently responsible for the total amount of the check which has been cashed. The resident is at a monetary loss of over \$7,000.00. It is believed the check was intercepted in the mail and subsequently altered.

Incident Date & Time: 2/2/2022 15:23
Incident Location: 1300 block of Boynton Ave.
Incident Type: Fraud, Identity Theft
Case #: 22-05314

A resident of the 1300 block of Boynton Avenue reported that she was notified by her credit monitoring center that a credit inquiry had been completed. The victim was advised that a credit card, checking account and savings account had been opened up utilizing her maiden name. All accounts were closed and no monetary loss was suffered.

Incident Date & Time: 2/2/2022 17:39
Incident Location: 100 block of Elm St.
Incident Type: Theft
Case #: 22-05323

A resident of the 100 block of Elm Street reported that her package, valued at approximately \$40.00, was delivered to her residence on February 1, 2022 at approximately 1304 hours. A witness reported last seeing the package around 1400 to 1430 hours that day.

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Incident Date & Time: 2/2/2022 18:04
Incident Location: 600 block of Summit Ave.
Incident Type: Fraud, Identity Theft
Case #: 22-05325

A resident of the 600 block of Summit Avenue reported that he received notification in the mail regarding an application for credit being denied. He later received notification that a bank account was opened up in his name. The timeframe of the statement was from January 20, 2022 until January 25, 2022. The victim stated that he had never had a bank account with that particular banking institution.

Incident Date & Time: 2/3/2022 10:06
Incident Location: 400 block of Linden Ave.
Incident Type: Fraud, Identity Theft
Case #: 22-05446

A resident of the 400 block of Linden Avenue reported an incident of identity theft and fraud. Resident stated that unknown actor(s) used his identity to open credit card accounts and two checking accounts in his name. All fraudulent accounts were closed and there was no monetary loss.

Incident Date & Time: 2/4/2022 19:27
Incident Location: 800 block of Summit Ave.
Incident Type: DWI
Case #: 22-05667
Arrestee: Eric Chafetz, 43, Westfield

Officers Swiderski and Pollock arrested Eric Chafetz, age 43 of Westfield, for Driving While Intoxicated pursuant to a motor vehicle accident near the 800 block of Summit Avenue. Chafetz was transported to police headquarters for processing and later released to a sober adult.

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Incident Date & Time: 2/5/2022 12:02
Incident Location: 600 block of Hillcrest Ave.
Incident Type: Fraud
Case #: 22-05618

A resident of the 600 block of Hillcrest Avenue reported during the month of January of 2022 she received an email solicitation regarding her computer system requiring updates. After speaking with who she believed to be a computer technician, the victim was convinced to purchase Google Play cards as a form of payment for computer repairs. The victim provided the scammers with \$9,400.00 worth of Google Play cards before realizing that she was being scammed.

Incident Date & Time: 2/5/2022 13:31
Incident Location: 400 block of E. South Ave.
Incident Type: Motor Vehicle - Burglary - Attempted, Receiving Stolen Property
Case #: 22-05816

Officers responded to an attempted motor vehicle burglary at a business located in the 400 block of East South Avenue. Upon arrival, officers learned that a stolen Audi SUV entered the parking lot and a suspect exited the car and attempted to gain entry to an unoccupied black SUV. Unable to gain entry to this vehicle, the suspect fled the scene driving away in the Audi SUV. Shortly after, officers located the stolen Audi but it refused to stop and drove away northbound on Mountain Avenue at a high rate of speed.

Incident Date & Time: 2/5/2022 14:34
Incident Location: 800 block of Dorian Rd.
Incident Type: Fraud
Case #: 22-05809

A resident of the 800 block of Dorian Road reported an unknown actor(s) have been using her old temporary vehicle registration number as a fraudulent license plate on their car. She learned of this fraudulent activity after receiving numerous E-Z Pass violation fines totaling \$344.90. She is currently in the process of disputing these fines and did not suffer any monetary loss.

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