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Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance

On December 30, 2014 at 19:46 hours, Hilltown Police responded to the Wawa, located in the 3500 block of Bethlehem Pike for the report of a fall victim. Investigation determined a store patron that had driven there had fallen inside the store. The patron identified as John E. Kendra, 70, from the 100 block of East Lincoln Avenue, Telford, PA displayed signs of alcohol impairment. Kendra was placed under arrest and transported to Grandview Hospital for a blood test which later revealed a 0.128% BAC, and the presence of controlled substances. Kendra was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Controlled Substance.

On December 31, 2014 at 22:10 hours, Hilltown Police responded to the report of a single vehicle crash on Rt. 309 north of Church Road. Investigation determined that a vehicle operated by Jonathan Van Clark, 25, from the 600 block of North Cannon Avenue, Lansdale, PA had abruptly veered off the roadway, struck a berm, and veered into a grassy area. Clark displayed indications of alcohol and controlled substance impairment. Clark was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.068 BAC, and the presence of a controlled substance. Clark was charged with Driving Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance, and Required Financial Responsibility. Further investigation revealed that at the time of the crash, Clark had been engaged in an argument with a female passenger, identified as Shavanna Belton, 28, from the 700 block of North Valley Forge Road, Lansdale, PA. Investigation further determined that while traveling north, Belton grabbed the steering wheel causing the control loss leading to the crash. Belton was charged with Misdemeanor Recklessly Endangering Another Person.

Retail Theft

On February 10, 2015 at 13:18 hours, Hilltown Police responded to Rite Aid Pharmacy, located in the 700 block of Rt. 113 for a retail theft. Investigation determined that two female actors were observed concealing merchandise in their pockets and purses. Both actors were approached within the store. A search of both of their purses revealed the reported stolen cosmetics that were still in the store packaging. The patrons were identified as Richelle Monique, Porter, 45, from the 100 block of North Front Street, Souderton, PA and Jennifer Lynn Conroy, 42, from the same address. Both Porter and Conroy were charged with Misdemeanor Retail Theft, and Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Retail Theft.

On October 24, 2014 at 03:00 hours, Hilltown Police responded to Walmart, 1515 Bethlehem Pike for a retail theft. Investigation determined that three subjects entered the store with reusable Walmart shopping bags, and proceeded to the men's clothing section of the store. Numerous items of clothing were placed in the bags and taken past all points of retail sales and exited the store without paying. Their vehicle was located in the parking lot and the stolen items valued at \$400.00 were recovered. The actors were subsequently identified as Michael Fred Berstecher, 21, from the 300 block of East 3rd Street, Lansdale, PA, Brendan Jackson Rhodes, 18, from the 400 block of Shearer Street, North Wales, PA, and James Blum, 20, from the 1800 block of Flintlock Circle, Lansdale, PA. All three subjects were charged with Misdemeanor Retail Theft, Receiving Stolen Property, and Criminal Conspiracy.

Hit and Run

On February 11, 2015 at 17:02 hours, Hilltown Police responded for a two vehicle crash on Bethlehem Pike in the area of Mill Road. Investigation determined that a vehicle driven by Michael T. Evans, 25, from the 2100 block of Georges Lane, Warrington, Pa struck another occupied vehicle causing damage to both vehicles. Evans failed to stop as required and fled from the scene. The victim and witness followed Evans forcing him to stop over a mile from the crash scene. Evans was charged with Misdemeanor Accidents Involving Damage to Attended Vehicle, Duty to Give Information and Render Aid, and Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended- DUI related.