



## **HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE**

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### **PRESS RELEASE FOR JUNE 19, 2015**

#### **Theft and Related**

On March 18, 2015 at 17:56 hours, Hilltown Police responded to the Giant Food Store, 760 Route 113, for a retail theft. Investigation determined that a male patron identified as Anthony R W Price, 54, from the 1900 block of Upper Ridge Road, Green Lane, PA had concealed numerous retail items in a bag offered for sale and then proceeded out of the store without paying for the items. Investigation further determined that Price had been charged and convicted of retail theft from the same store in November 2012. At that time, Giant banished Price from the store, and advised him not to return at any time. Price was interviewed by Police and admitted to the theft. Price was charged with Misdemeanor Retail Theft, Receiving Stolen Property, and Defiant Trespass.

On April 03, 2015 at 17:34 hours, Hilltown Police responded to Giant Food Store, 760 Route 113, for a retail theft. Investigation determined that Anthony R W Price, 54, from the 1900 block of Upper Ridge Road, Green Lane, PA had once again concealed numerous items offered for retail sale and proceeded out of the store without paying for the items. Price was again charged with Misdemeanor Retail Theft, Receiving Stolen Property, and Defiant Trespass.

On June 13, 2015 at 18:17 hours, Hilltown Police responded to Walmart, 1515 Bethlehem Pike, for a retail theft. Investigation determined that a female patron identified as Kimberly M. Durie, 47, from the 100 block of Hampshire Drive, Chalfont, PA had concealed several store items and walked passed all points of retail sales without paying for them. Investigation further determined that Durie had a prior conviction for retail theft. Durie was charged with Misdemeanor Retail Theft.

#### **Burglary**

On June 12, 2015 at 0238 hours, Hilltown Police, while conducting business checks at the Souderton Square Shopping Center in the 700 block of Route 113, observed a male subject standing on the sidewalk next to a closed business. Police further observed broken glass fragments on the sidewalk next to the subject. The subject was detained and other units responded. A broken window was discovered around the corner of the building. The subject was identified as James Brannock, 38, with no fixed place of abode. Brannock was questioned and admitted to burglarizing the closed business. Brannock was charged with Felony Burglary, Theft by Unlawful Taking, and Receiving Stolen Property. Brannock was arraigned before Judge Regina Armitage of New Britain, and committed to the Bucks County Correctional Facility in lieu of posting \$25,000 (10%) bail.

### **Providing False Information When Purchasing Firearm**

On May 26, 2015, Hilltown Police began an investigation into an unlawful attempt to purchase a firearm at a local gun shop. Investigation determined that a subject identified as Robert Vile, 57, from the 1400 block of Street Road, Southampton, PA, falsified an official ATF form which specifically asked the applicant if he had ever been arrested for a crime for which the judge could have sentenced him to prison for more than one year. Vile was charged with Felony Firearm Ownership-Providing False Information, Unsworn Falsification to Authorities, and Criminal Attempt- Persons Not to Possess, Use, Manufacture, Control, Sell or Transfer Firearms. Vile was arraigned before Judge Regina Armitage and released on \$20,000 unsecured bail.

### **Possession of Controlled Substance**

On November 16, 2014 at 12:02 hours, Hilltown Police responded to the 400 block of Longleaf Drive to execute an outstanding bench warrant issued by Delaware County Sheriff's Department. The subject of the warrant was located thereat and identified as Christian Andrew Lohse. Lohse searched revealing packets of suspected controlled substance. Lohse was placed under arrest and transported to Bucks County Correctional Facility where he awaited transportation back to Delaware County by the Delaware County Sheriff's Department. The substance was submitted for analysis which was later identified as heroin. Lohse was charged with Simple Possession of Heroin, and Simple Possession of Suboxone.

### **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol**

On May 12, 2015 at 22:03 hours, Hilltown Police responded to a 911 call of a possibly impaired motorist traveling north on Route 309 near Bethlehem Pike. The vehicle description was obtained by a concerned motorist. The vehicle was located on Bethlehem Pike north of Keystone Drive operating on a metal wheel rim showering sparks as it continued to drive. The driver was finally stopped and identified as Judith A. Berger 59, from the 100 block of Pat Lane, Perkasio, PA. Berger displayed indications of alcohol impairment and was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.227% BAC. Berger was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.