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Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance

On May 29, 2015 at 13:55 hours, Hilltown Police responded to the 700 block of Route 113 for the report of an erratic vehicle driving the wrong way on Bethlehem Pike. The vehicle description was provided and the vehicle was located in a nearby shopping center. The operator was identified as Maureen Strauss, 70, from the 100 block of Lincoln Avenue, Telford, PA. Strauss displayed indications of alcohol impairment. Strauss needed assistance exiting her vehicle and became verbally abusive and uncooperative with officers. Strauss was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.231% BAC. Strauss was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving on the Right Side of Roadway, and Careless Driving.

On May 16, 2015 at 01:56 hours, Hilltown Police observed a vehicle run through a posted stop sign at a speed estimated between 60 - 70 mph on Hilltown Pike at Route 152. Police attempted to stop the vehicle as it traveled northbound on Route 152. The vehicle exceeded speeds of 100 mph as it traveled northbound on Route 152 and passing another vehicle prior to entering Silverdale Borough. Upon reaching Route 113, Police discovered that the vehicle had crashed into a shed at a business located at the intersection. The operator had fled the vehicle. Police summoned K-9 unit from Quakertown Borough Police to assist in the search for the operator. The operator was located a short time thereafter and identified as Raymond Max Kauffman, 33, from the 1600 block of North Wales, Road, Blue Bell, PA. Kauffman displayed indications of alcohol impairment and was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.109% BAC. Kauffman was charged with Felony Fleeing and Attempting to Elude Officer, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Reckless Driving, Accidents Involving Damage to Unattended Vehicle or Property, Overtaking Vehicle on the Left, Duties at Stop Signs, and Driving Vehicle at Safe Speed.

On June 2, 2015 at 19:58 hours, Hilltown Police responded to the 800 block of Fairhill Road for a single vehicle crash, with the female operator fleeing the scene. The female was located and identified as Carole Bounds, 46, from the 800 block of Fairhill Road, Sellersville, PA. Bounds displayed indications of alcohol impairment and failed a series of field sobriety tests. Bounds was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.20 % BAC. Bounds was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Retail Theft

On June 22, 2015 at 01:31 hours, Hilltown Police responded to Walmart, 1515 Bethlehem Pike for a retail theft. Investigation determined that a male patron, had loaded a cart with a large tupperware container and filled the container with a large amount of Similac baby formula, later determined to be valued at \$1,262.00. The subject then attempted to leave the store through exit doors which were locked without paying for the items. The subject abandoned the cart at the locked doors when he was approached by store personnel and fled out of another door. The vehicle description and registration was obtained. At approximately 0200 hours, Hilltown Police responded to a reported stabbing at Wawa located at Butler Avenue and County Line Road in New Britain Township involving the same vehicle involved in the retail theft. The actor was identified as Anthony Daniel, 34, from the 100 block of East Sixth Avenue, Conshohocken, PA. Daniel was taken into custody by New Britain Township Police and charged in connection with their incident. Daniel's criminal history indicated several prior retail thefts, and as a result was charged with Felony Criminal Attempt to Commit Retail Theft.

Possession of Controlled Substance and Drug Paraphernalia

On January 25, 2015 at 21:07 hours, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle on Route 309 near Route 152 for speeding, 105 mph in a 55 mph zone. Upon stopping the vehicle, Police immediately detected the odor of a controlled substance within the vehicle. The operator was removed and identified as Nicholas Damore, 21, from the 1100 block of Oxford, Court, Lansdale, PA. The vehicle was searched and a substance was seized. The substance was submitted for lab analysis which confirmed it was a controlled substance. Damore was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Maximum Speed Limits.