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Child Pornography

On January 20, 2016, Hilltown Police were contacted by the Bucks County Adult Probation Department who reported they were supervising a male subject identified as Ethan Wayne Phinney, 34, from the 800 block of Middle Road, Perkasio, PA. Phinney was on supervised probation, and on December 22, 2015, a Bucks County Adult Probation Officer visited Phinney and observed an X-Box computer console which was connected to the internet in Phinney's bedroom which was prohibited based on the conditions of his probation. The Probation Officer seized the gaming console and turned it over to Hilltown Police for further investigation. On January 20, 2016, Phinney was interviewed by Police at the Bucks County Adult Probation Office where he disclosed he may have searched for child pornography with the X-Box console. A search warrant was obtained to examine the contents of the computer console. Upon examination, numerous images of sexual abuse of children were discovered, many of which were under the age of 10 years. Phinney was charged with 29 felony counts of Child Pornography, and 1 felony count of Criminal Use of Communication Facility.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance

On February 20, 2016 at 02:23 hours, Hilltown Police responded to Route 309 near Orvilla Road for a two-vehicle Hit and Run accident. Investigation determined that a vehicle traveling northbound on Route 309 struck another vehicle from behind, and again along the passenger side. The striking vehicle then fled the scene and pulled to the rear of a nearby apartment building. The vehicle registration was obtained and the operator was identified as Keith Miller, 39, from the 100 block of Hunters Lane, North Wales, Pa. Miller was located near his vehicle and displayed indications of alcohol impairment. Miller was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.10% BAC. Miller was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Accidents Involving Damage to Attended Vehicles, and Reckless Driving.

On February 16, 2016 at 21:07 hours, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle in a business lot in the 1900 block of Bethlehem Pike for expired registration. The operator was identified as Raymond Matthew Shoemaker, 43, from the 100 block of Sellersville Road, Chalfont, PA. Shoemaker displayed indications of alcohol impairment and failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests. Shoemaker was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.148% BAC. Shoemaker was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended, and Registration & Certificate of Title Required.

On December 5, 2015 at 00:36 hours, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle on Route 113 near Minsi Trail for erratic driving. The operator was identified as Rudolph Donald Dreessen, 50, from the 100 block of Globe Mills Road, Milford, New Jersey. Dreessen displayed indications of alcohol impairment and failed a series of field sobriety tests. Dreessen was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.159% BAC. Dreessen was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic.

On February 14, 2016 at 02:18 hours, Hilltown Police observed a two-vehicle rear end collision occur on Route 309 at the Hilltown Crossings Shopping Center. Immediately after impact, the striking vehicle backed up, and fled the scene. Police pursued the vehicle and stopped it on Unionville Pike at North Penn Road. The operator was identified as Dale Andrew Berry, 43, from the 100 block of North Maple Avenue, Hatfield, PA. Berry displayed indications of alcohol impairment and was unable to complete a series of field sobriety tests. Berry was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.155% BAC, plus illegal controlled substances. Berry was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Controlled Substance, Accidents Involving Damage to Attended Vehicle, Fleeing and Attempting to Elude Police, and Recklessly Endangering Another Person.

On December 20, 2015 at 06:50 hours, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle on Route 113 at Diamond Street for high speed traffic violations. The operator was identified as Thomas Joseph Davis, 25, from the 1400 block of Bridgeton Hill Road, Upper Black Eddy, PA. Davis displayed indications of controlled substance impairment and failed series of field sobriety tests. Davis was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later confirmed the presence of a controlled substance. Davis was charged with Driving Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance, Following Too Closely, and Maximum Speed Limits.

On October 17, 2015 at 01:48 hours, Hilltown Police stopped to investigate a disabled vehicle in the 1400 block of Route 113 without its hazard lights activated. The operator was identified as Jessica Helen Duvall, 22, from the 100 block of West Main Street, Silverdale, PA. Duvall displayed indications of alcohol impairment and failed a series of field sobriety tests. Duvall was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.191% BAC, and the presence of a controlled substance. Duvall was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Controlled Substance, Possession of Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On February 14, 2016 at 22:10 hours, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle on Route 113 near Diamond Street for a lighting violation and erratic driving. The operator was identified as Virgilio Alvarado-Garcia, 23, from the 5900 block of Easton Road, Pipersville, PA. Alvarado-Garcia displayed indications of alcohol impairment and failed a series of field sobriety tests. Alvarado-Garcia was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.167% BAC. Alvarado-Garcia was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Drivers Required to be Licensed, and Careless Driving.

Identity Theft

On February 14, 2016 at 15:27 hours, Hilltown Police investigated an attempted fraudulent purchase of several iPhones at the AT & T store, located in the 1600 block of Bethlehem Pike. Through investigation, the actor was identified as Carlos Y. Gutierrez, 32, from the 2000 block of Maple Avenue,

Hatfield, PA. Gutierrez presented a fictitious identification card and an altered Visa gift card with the owner information belonging to another person. Gutierrez was charged with Identity Theft, Access Device Fraud, Forgery, and Theft by Deception.

False Identification to Law Enforcement

On March 3, 2016 at 23:31 hours, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle on Route 113 at Wynnefield Drive, for an expired registration. The operator of the vehicle produced a New Jersey driver's license at the time of the traffic stop containing a name and date of birth which was later determined to be false. The operator's true name and age was determined as Brett Joseph Ferron, 28, from the 2000 block of Maple Avenue, Hatfield, PA. Ferron was charged with False Identification to Law Enforcement, Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended, and Registration & Certificate of Title Required.

Retail Theft

On March 6, 2016 at 16:39 hours, Hilltown Police responded to Walmart, 1515 Bethlehem Pike, for a retail theft. Investigation determined that a female patron concealed \$282.02 in various retail items within her purse, passed all points of retail sales and exited the store without paying for the merchandise. The patron was identified as Essaida Nafzi, 58, from the 1000 block of West 3rd Street, Lansdale, PA. Nafzi was charged with Misdemeanor Retail Theft.

On March 7, 2016 at 20:30 hours, Hilltown Police responded to Walmart, 1515 Bethlehem Pike, for a retail theft. Investigation determined that a male patron identified as Justin M. Kuhn, 34, from the 400 block of West Chestnut Street, Perkasio, Pa. had concealed numerous retail items on his person, passed all points of retail sales and exited the store without paying for the items. Kuhn was charged with Misdemeanor Retail Theft.