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Assault

On March 11, 2017 at 21:32 hours, Hilltown Police responded to the 100 block of Washington Court for a disturbance. Investigation determined that a female resident thereat pushed another individual down a flight of stairs during an argument. The actor was identified as Christine Elizabeth Hancock, 35, from the same address. Hancock was charged with Simple Assault and Harassment.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Controlled Substance

On February 26, 2017 at 17:03 hours, Hilltown Police responded to Wine and Spirits Store, 1547 Bethlehem Pike, for a disturbance in the parking lot. Investigation determined that a vehicle was driven to the store by a driver who displayed indications of alcohol impairment. The driver was identified as Samantha Cox, 28, from the 100 block of East Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA. Cox admitted consuming alcohol before arriving at the store. Cox failed a series of field sobriety tests, was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.215% BAC. Cox was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

On February 23, 2017 at 20:34 hours, Hilltown Police responded to Route 309 southbound at Fairhill Road overpass for a crash investigation. Investigation determined that a vehicle driven by Richard Brown, 36, from the 2700 block of Elroy Road, Hatfield, PA had swerved off the road after being cut off by an unknown vehicle. Brown displayed indications of alcohol impairment and failed a series of field sobriety tests. Brown was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.239% BAC. Brown was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Accidents Involving Death or Personal Injury, Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended, Careless Driving, and Restrictions on Alcohol Beverages.

On February 25, 2017 at 20:47 hours, Hilltown Police responded to the area of Route 113 and County Line Road for a two vehicle crash. Investigation determined a driver, identified as Anne Marie Miller, 47, from the 100 block of Hillside Avenue, Souderton, PA, displayed indications of alcohol impairment. Miller failed a series of field sobriety tests, was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.135% BAC. Miller was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Required Position and Method of Turning.

Theft and Related Offenses

On February 09, 2017, Hilltown Police responded to Walmart, 1515 Bethlehem Pike, for a retail theft investigation. The investigation determined that on February 08, 2017 a male and two female patrons entered the baby formula aisle and concealed approximately 30 containers of baby formula valued at nearly \$500.00 and exited the store without paying for the items. The actors were identified through investigation as Christopher Cory Foreman, 36, and Brittany Francesca Foreman, 35, both from the 300 block of Windsor Drive, Harleysville, PA and Christina Ann Dibenedetto 29, also from the 300 block of Windsor Drive, Harleysville, PA. All three subjects were charged with Retail Theft, Receiving Stolen Property, and Criminal Conspiracy.

On February 10, 2017, Hilltown Police responded to Walmart for retail theft involving baby formula. Investigation revealed that Christopher Foreman, 36, from the 300 block of Windsor Drive, Harleysville, PA had returned to the store and took additional cans of baby formula from the store without paying for it. Foreman was charged again for Retail Theft, and Receiving Stolen Property.

On February 10, 2017, Hilltown Police responded to Walmart for retail theft involving two televisions, and 39 containers of baby formula. The male actor reportedly entered and exited the store on three occasions taking the items without paying for them. On February 21, 2017, the actor was identified through investigation as Eric Joseph Jenkins, 25, from the 3300 block of I street, Philadelphia, PA. Jenkins was charged with Felony Retail Theft, and Receiving Stolen Property.

In February 2017, Hilltown Police received a report of cash being stolen on multiple occasions from the Our Lady of Sacred Heart Catholic Church Chapel on Broad Street. The Chapel is open for visitors during the day but is unstaffed. Church staff found that the amounts of cash collected from a locked donation box had substantially declined. Surveillance video captured a middle aged, balding male actor opening the donation box with an unknown type master key. The subject, who had no affiliation with the church, stole cash from the box on multiple occasions. The actor was identified through investigation as David Bennett, also known as David Branca, 55, from the 1800 block of North Hills Drive, Norristown, PA. Bennett is facing additional criminal charges from other jurisdictions for identical thefts from churches. Bennett is also a suspect in numerous other thefts from churches and other houses of worship in southeastern Pennsylvania. Police are asking anyone with information of thefts of cash from churches in southeastern PA to contact their local police agency or the Hilltown Township Police Department at 215-453-6000.



David Bennett, aka David Branca