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Possession of Controlled Substance

In Late March, 2017, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle on Cherry Road near Cherry Drive for a traffic violation. The operator was identified as Christian Joseph Maurer, 47, from the 500 block of Fairhill Road, Hatfield, PA. Suspected controlled substance was observed within the vehicle. The substance was seized and submitted for laboratory analysis which confirmed it as controlled substance. Maurer was charged with Possession of Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On May 13, 2017 at 22:05 hours, Hilltown Police responded to the Home Depot parking lot for the report of a man in a vehicle slumped over his steering wheel. The subject was identified as Eric Schmidt, 25, from the 900 block of Red Fox Run, Schwenksville, PA. Police located suspected controlled substance within the vehicle which was seized and submitted for laboratory analysis. The analysis later confirmed it as being controlled substance and Schmidt was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Operating with Driver's License Under Habitual Suspension

On June 23, 2017 at 10:40 hours, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle on Applewood Drive and Blackberry Court, in the Orchard Hill development for an inspection violation. The operator was identified as Raymond Matthew Shoemaker, 44, from the 2400 block of Applewood Court, Perkasio, PA. Shoemaker's driver's license was suspended as a Habitual Offender. Shoemaker was charged with a Misdemeanor 1st degree for Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended/Revoked, and Operating a Vehicle Without Official Certificate of Inspection.

Theft and Related Offenses

On June 17, 2017, Hilltown Police responded to the 100 block of Reliance Place for a reported theft from a residence. Investigation determined that various items valued at nearly \$1,700.00 belonging to the owner of the residence were taken by a babysitter. The babysitter was identified as Jamie Lee Swope, 20, from the 1000 block of Old Skippack Road, Harleysville, PA. Swope was charged with Theft by Unlawful Taking.

On June 8, 2017, Hilltown Police responded to the CVS store, located in the 700 block of Route 113 for a theft. Investigation revealed a store employee had taken numerous items on four different occasions beginning on May 10th, 2017 through June 4th, 2017. The employee was identified as Abby Melissa Gamber, 50, from the 600 block of Ascot Court, North Wales, PA. Gamber was charged with Theft by Unlawful Taking, and Receiving Stolen Property.

On January 15, 2017, Hilltown Police responded to the Giant Food Store, 760 Route 113, for a theft investigation. Investigation determined that a male and female had taken retail items from the shelving and concealed the items within a bag and left the store passing all points of retail sales without paying for items. The subjects were identified as Emily Paige Weiland, 29, from the 300 block of Somerset Street, Freemansburg, PA, and Christopher Lee Malone 31, from the 500 block of Church Street, Norristown, PA. Weiland was charged with Felony Retail Theft, and Criminal Conspiracy. Malone was charged with Receiving Stolen Property and Retail Theft.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or a Controlled Substance

On June 7, 2017 2017 at 17:43 hours, Hilltown Police responded to a single vehicle crash on Diamond Street near Schultz Road. Investigation determined that a vehicle, driven by William F. Hooven, 54, from the 600 block of Rickert Road, Sellersville, PA, had left the roadway and impacted a tree. Hooven displayed indications of alcohol impairment. A blood test was performed which later indicated a failure. Hooven was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Controlled Substance, and Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic.