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Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Controlled Substance

On July 6, 2018 at 17:27 hours, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle on Route 152 near Hilltown Pike for a licensing violation. The operator was identified as Pedro David Ortal-Ramirez, 31, from the 5800 block of Easton Road, Plumsteadville, PA. Ortal-Ramirez displayed indications of alcohol impairment, and failed a series of field sobriety tests. Ortal-Ramirez was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.110% BAC. Ortal-Ramirez was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended- DUI Related, and Restrictions on Alcohol Beverages.

On July 29, 2018 at 01:58 hours, Hilltown Police responded to the Walmart, 1515 Bethlehem Pike, for the report of a possible disturbance, with a vehicle backed into a guard rail. Through investigation, the driver was identified as Erica Swint, 33, from the 800 block of Jackson Street, Lansdale, PA. Swint displayed indications of alcohol impairment and failed a series of field sobriety tests. Swint was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test. Swint was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Possession of Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On August 04, 2018 at 09:56 hours, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle on Route 152 near Mill Road for an inspection violation. The driver was identified as James B. Eismann, 57, from the 800 block of Old Bethlehem Road, Quakertown, PA. Eismann displayed indications of alcohol impairment and failed a series of field sobriety tests. Eismann was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test. Eismann was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

On August 3, 2018 at 20:18 hours, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle for erratic driving in the 1500 block of Bethlehem Pike. The operator was identified as Jonathan Raymond Custer, 47, from the 700 block of Hilltown Pike, Line Lexington, PA. Custer displayed indications of alcohol impairment and refused to submit to a blood test. Investigation further determined Custer's driver's license was under a DUI related suspension and he was only to operate a vehicle with an Ignition Interlock System. Custer was charged with Operation of a Vehicle Without Ignition Interlock, and Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended or Revoked.

On July 18, 2018 at 22:43 hours, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle on Route 309 at Orvilla Road for an expired registration. The operator was identified as Jacob Scott Walton, 30, from the 100 block of Old Limekiln Road, Chalfont, Pa. Walton displayed indications of alcohol impairment and failed a series of field sobriety tests. Walton was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed

a 0.155 % BAC. Walton has been charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Registration and Certificate of Title Required, Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended- DUI Related, and Operation of Vehicle Without Official Certificate of Inspection.

On August 03, 2018 at 00:29 hours, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle on Hilltown Pike at Limekiln Pike for a lighting violation. The operator was identified as Victor Fernandez-Nieto , 33, from the 1600 block of Hilltown Pike, Hilltown, PA. Fernandez-Nieto displayed indications of alcohol impairment and failed a series of field sobriety tests. Fernandez-Nieto was placed under arrest and transported for a blood test which later revealed a 0.133% BAC. Fernandez-Nieto has been charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Drivers Required to be Licensed.

On August 18, 2018 at 18:59 hours, Hilltown Police responded to the 1100 block of Route 113 for a hit and run accident. Investigation determined that a vehicle, driven by Kathleen F. King, 60, from the 2000 block of Diamond Street, Sellersville, PA, had struck another vehicle in a parking lot and fled the scene. King was interviewed by police a short time later where she displayed indications of alcohol impairment. King failed a series of field sobriety tests and was transported for a blood test. King has been charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Accidents Involving Damage to Unattended Vehicles.

On August 19, 2018 at 20:18 hours, Hilltown Police responded to Route 113 and Diamond Street for a two vehicle crash. Investigation determined that a vehicle driving northbound on Diamond Street, operated by Russell Cox, 52, from the 600 block of Essex Court, Perkasie, PA, proceeded through a steady red signal and impacted a vehicle traveling westbound on Route 113. Cox displayed indications of alcohol impairment and was transported to a hospital for treatment, and a blood test. Cox has been charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Careless Driving, and Traffic Control Signals.

Possession of Controlled Substance

On June 19, 2018 at 23:48 hours, Hilltown Police responded to a medical call in the Giant Food Store, 760 Route 113. Investigation found a male subject lying next to his vehicle in the parking lot. The subject was identified as Russell Neff, 34, from the 1200 block of Cobblestone Drive, Quakertown, PA. Neff's wallet located on the seat of his vehicle was found to contain a controlled substance. Neff has been charged with Possession of Controlled Substance.

On June 22, 2018 at 22:00 hours, Hilltown Police stopped a vehicle on Route 113 at County Line Road for a licensing violation. The operator was identified as Daniel Paul Derry, 34, from the 200 block of Hampshire Drive, Sellersville, PA. The vehicle's registration and insurance were expired. The vehicle was impounded and inventoried prior to being towed. Controlled substance was found on Derry's person. Derry was charged with Possession of Controlled Substance, Required Financial Responsibility, and Registration and Certificate of Title Required.

Burglary and Related Offenses

On March 26, 2018, Hilltown Police received a report from a local contractor who advised that his large generator was stolen from a house under construction on Seven Corner Road, Hilltown Township. On April 5, 2018, the contractor advised Hilltown Police that he observed his generator for sale on Craig's List, and provided the sellers phone number. The Craig's List seller was contacted and agreed to meet at a local business on Route 313 to sell the generator. At 18:10 hours, undercover Hilltown officers met with the sellers and confirmed the generator was the one reported stolen. The sellers were identified as Gerard M. Zimmerman, 35, from the 1200 block of Seven Corner Road, and Kylee Marie Trout, 27, from the 100 block of North 4th Street, Telford, PA. The investigation continued and on April 6, 2018, a third suspect was identified as William Snyder, 18, from the 200 block of Barndt Road., Telford, PA. Zimmerman, Trout, and Snyder have been charged with Burglary, Theft by Unlawful Taking, Receiving Stolen Property, and Criminal Use of Communication Facility.

Theft and Related Offenses

On August 13, 2018 at 20:21 hours, Hilltown Police responded to Walmart, 1515 Bethlehem Pike, for the theft of a wallet. Investigation determined that a store patron, the victim, after purchasing items from the store inadvertently left their wallet behind in a shopping cart. The patron returned a short time later discovering the wallet was no longer within the cart. Examination of surveillance video revealed the wallet was picked up by another store patron. The second patron was then observed hiding the wallet behind some items in the automotive section of the store. Another patron discovered the wallet and contacted the victim advising that he had found his wallet. The victim returned, claimed his wallet and discovered a large amount of cash had been removed from it. Through investigation, the patron who originally discovered the wallet in the shopping cart and concealed it in the automotive department was identified as Juan Daniel Montoya Rodriguez, 21, from 4 East Peace Valley Road, Chalfont, PA. Montoya Rodriguez was subsequently interviewed by Police and admitted to taking the cash from the wallet. Montoya Rodriguez has been charged with Theft of Property Lost, Mislaid, or Delivered by Mistake.

On July 20, 2018, Hilltown Police responded to Pizza Plaza for a reported theft. Investigation determined that an employee, identified as Miquel Massa, 45, from the 2500 block of North Front Street, Philadelphia, PA, had taken approximately \$300.00 in store inventory for his personal use. Massa was charged with Theft By Unlawful Taking, Receiving Stolen Property, and Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended.