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Item 1

Date: 7/25/2023 Time: 6:45pm Jurisdiction- Pennington Borough

Type of Incident: Identity Theft

Investigating: P.O. D'Ascoli Charges:

Details: On July 25, 2023 at approximately 6:45pm P.O. D'Ascoli responded to a residence located on Walking Purchase Drive for a report of Identity Theft. The victim reported to Officer D'Ascoli that on this date an unknown actor attempted to open a line of credit in the victim's name to purchase a vehicle from a local dealer. The investigation determined that the transaction did not happen in person but was attempted through an online application. This investigation is ongoing.

Item 2

Date: 7/29/2023 Time: 4:00 pm Jurisdiction – Pennington Borough

Type of Incident: Fraud

Investigating: SFC. Novin Thomas

Charges: 2C:21-17

Details: On July 29, 2023 at approximately 4:00pm an East Delaware Avenue resident came into Police Headquarters to report that an unknown actor/s attempted to open three (3) credit cards in his name. The victim was told to contact his banks and credit card companies along with the credit reporting agencies to alert them as to what had transpired.

Item 3

Date: 8/2/2023 Time: 12:07pm Jurisdiction – Pennington Borough

Type of Incident: Sexual Assault

Investigating Officer: SFC. Novin Thomas

Charges: 2C:14-2

Details: On August 2, 2023 a Charleston, South Carolina medical facility contact this police department to advise us of a possible sexual assault that occurred several years ago on a juvenile victim who was a female and seven (7) years old. Details on this incident are being worked out by law enforcement agencies from both South Carolina and Pennington. This investigation is on going at this time.

Item 4

Date: 8/4/2023 Time: 10:45PM Jurisdiction – Pennington Borough

Type of Incident: Harassment / Door Bell Ditch

Investigating Officer: P.O. Caruso

Charges:

Details: On 8/4/2023 at approximately 10:45pm Officer Caruso was dispatched to the area of East Curlis Avenue for the report of juveniles in the area ringing door bells and running from the residents. Officer Caruso was able to make contact with several juveniles in the area who admitted to ringing the door bells and running. The juveniles were turned over to guardians with a warning.

Item 5

Date: 8/14/2023 Time: 9:45am Jurisdiction – Pennington Borough

Type of Incident: Fraud

Investigating Officer: P.O. Caruso

Details: On August 14, 2023 at approximately 2:45pm Officer Caruso was dispatched to an Academy Court residence. Upon Officers Caruso's arrival he was met by the resident who stated that she had received a call from an unknown male actor who claimed to work for "Apple". The male told the victim that her computer had to be updated and the victim in return gave the male actor a lot of personal information. The victim realized that she was being scammed and was able to contact her bank and credit cards and have all fraudulent transaction reversed and the accounts frozen. This is currently still being investigated.

Item 6

Date: 8/19/2023 Time: 12:44 PM Jurisdiction – Pennington Borough

Type of Incident: Theft / Burglary

Investigating: P.O. Crauso

Details: On August 19, 2023 Officer Caruso was dispatched to two different addresses. The first address being a Vannoy Avenue residence and the second being a Sked Street residence for the report of a bikes that were stolen. Officer Caruso took the theft for both victims and cleared the residence.

A short time later Officer Peterson and Officer Pauciullo of the Hopewell Township police department noticed two (2) males riding bikes on Diverty Road. These subjects and the bikes fit the description that P.O. Caruso passed on. After further investigation, a juvenile and an adult male were placed under arrest. The adult was charged accordingly and was also found to have an active NCIC warrant for his arrest. He (The adult) was processed and then transported to Bergen County Jail by the Mercer County Sheriffs where he was lodged on the warrant. The juvenile was released to a parent. Further charges may be issued pending the police investigation.

In the month of July Pennington Borough Police Officers responded to 361 calls for service of which:

9 were motor vehicle accidents
26 were first aid calls
140 were traffic stops with 117 tickets issued
1 ordinance violation
4 family matters/domestic disputes