

MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
APRIL 2022 MONTHLY REPORT
MAY 2, 2022

The Middletown Police Department responded to approximately **870 (1028)** Calls for Service during the month of April 2022.

Significant Events

1 District:

Burglary 3rd – Attempt
Food Lion

On Wednesday April 4th @ 11:35 pm, an unknown male attempted to enter the store by smashing the sliding glass door. The suspect was unsuccessful in gaining entry, but caused approximately \$1500.00 damage. On April 22nd, **Gabe Otinsky**, male 21 was arrested for Criminal Mischief and Attempted Burglary 3rd.

Burglary 3rd – Attempt
Harbor Freight

On Monday April 11th @ 11:30 pm, an unknown suspect attempted to gain entry to the business via the front door. Approximately \$1500.00 worth of damage was done to the door frame. On April 22nd **Gabe Otinsky**, male 21, was arrested and charged with Attempted Burglary 3rd and Criminal Mischief.

2 District:

Nothing Significant to Report.

3 District:

Burglary 2nd
Lakeside

On Saturday April 2nd, Officers responded to the 400 block of Cavalier Dr. reference a late reported burglary. The unknown suspect entered the residence, while the homeowners were away, by unknown means and removed jewelry, medicine and U.S. currency. The case is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Unit.

4 District:

Robbery 1st – Attempt

Lowes

On Thursday April 14th @ 6:30 pm, Officers responded to Lowes reference a robbery that had just occurred. A male suspect displayed a knife towards an employee and demanded that she empty the cash register. The employee fled from the suspect and the suspect was unsuccessful in obtaining any proceeds and fled the store. On April 22nd **Gabe Otinsky**, male 21, was taken into custody and charged with Robbery 1st and related offenses. Otinsky is currently incarcerated in lieu of posting secured bail.

Theft – Construction Site

Preserve at Deep Creek

On two separate occasions thefts were reported at the construction site. On April 18th it was reported that over \$5500.00 worth of building materials were stolen. On April 21st, the second incident occurred and over \$2300.00 of plywood was stolen. Both incidents were late reported and occurred over a three week time period.

Theft

Lowes

On Thursday April 21st, Lowes Loss Prevention reported that two employees were involved in a series of thefts. The thefts occurred over the past several months in which approximately \$13,000.00 worth of merchandise was not scanned or charged. The employees, who were brother and sister, would allow their parents to proceed through the checkout line, but would only charge or scan a few, not all of the items. **Tah Jae Lewis**, male 18, was arrested on a total of 6 felonies and 22 misdemeanors. Additional charges are currently being sought for his sister and parents.

Criminal Investigation Unit

Follow-Up Investigation

Over the last several months, the Middletown Police Department conducted an investigation involving **Tahmir Pernsley** male 18, and his involvement in drug dealing and weapons offenses throughout the Town of Middletown. A search warrant was executed at his residence on Wiggins Mill Rd., Townsend. On April 19th, MPD, with the assistance of Probation and Parole, arrested Tahmir Pernsley without issue in the 100 block of Silverlake Rd. Middletown. The subsequent searches of Pernsley's vehicle and residence located one non-serialized firearm with an extended magazine, ammunition, and marijuana packaged for sale. Pernsley is currently a person prohibited from possessing firearms due to previous felony convictions. He was charged with Possession of an Untraceable Firearm, Poss. of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony and other related weapon offenses. Pernsley was also charged with Poss. with the Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance and Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia. He was committed in lieu of posting \$28,500.00 Cash Bail.

Dispositions:

Traffic Summons: 70 (98)

Criminal Arrests (Total Charges): 45 (48)

Warnings: 54 (56)

Reports Written: 245 (217)

FSR/CPC: 200 (345)

Foot Patrol: 50 (188)

Community Services Unit Events for April 2022

Submitted by M/Sgt. Saunders

- April 8th & 9th the Middletown Police Department with assistance from other community organizations and volunteers hosted the MOT Drive-In Movie Night @ the MOT Football & Cheer Complex. This was an event that was free to the public and was well attended (80 cars each night). Those that attended enjoyed the film Peter Rabbit 2 “the Runaway”. The Easter Bunny was on hand as well for the festivities.
- April 20th M/Sgt. Saunders conducted a Conflict Resolution & De-escalation workshop for the staff @ “Warriors Helping Warriors” Veterans Home.
- April 30th Middletown Police Community Services in conjunction with the Southern New Castle County Coalition (SN4C) and other community organizations did host the Spring DEA “Takeback” event. At the time of this report the totals of prescription medication and sharps were not available.
- M/Sgt. Saunders conducted mediations and contacted several businesses during the month of April.
- The Delaware Help Initiative Inc. did begin Phase #2 of “Lights on Middletown Strong” program. Residential lighting installation was conducted in the area of Middletown Village Town Homes. A total of 219 installations were done for the month of April.