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4-16-18, 1416 hrs.

While on patrol, Officer Richard Christy observed a suspicious, occupied vehicle in the Springfield Mall parking lot. A registration check revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen. The driver, a 29 year old male from Brookhaven, was taken into custody. During a search of the vehicle, drug paraphernalia, was recovered. Sgt John DiTrollo is handling the investigation.

4-19-18, 1125 hrs.

Agents from the PA Office of the Attorney General met at Springfield Police Headquarters to request assistance with a drug transaction involving a large quantity of marijuana. Agents and officers positioned themselves in the Springfield Mall parking lot. The suspect vehicle arrived and the drug transaction occurred. Agents and officers attempted to arrest the suspect, a 41 year old male from Brookhaven, in the parking lot, however he was able to maneuver his vehicle out of the lot and onto the highway. He abandoned his vehicle on a residential street and attempted to elude police on foot. Sgt Michael Vaughan observed the suspect in the 500 block of Riverview Rd, Swarthmore, and followed him into the rear yards. Sgt Vaughan located the suspect and held him at gunpoint until assisting officers arrived and took him into custody. The case is being handled by the Attorney General's Office.

4-19-18, 1429 hrs.

Target security, 1200 Baltimore Pike, reported a retail theft. Lashanda Williams, 34 years old from Philadelphia, was observed placing items in her shopping cart and attempting to leave the store without rendering payment. Total value of the theft was \$609. Williams was taken into custody and charged with Retail Theft. Det Bridget McCarthy is handling the case.

4-19-18, 1701 hrs.

Target security, 1200 Baltimore Pike, reported a retail theft. Tamara Thomas, 31 years old from Philadelphia, was observed placing items in her shopping cart and attempting to leave the store without rendering payment. Total value of the theft was \$436. Thomas was taken into custody and charged with Retail Theft. Det Robert Nutley is handling the case.

4-21-18, 1615 hrs.

A resident from the 300 block of Ballymore Rd reported an incident of animal cruelty. The resident's cat had been roaming the neighborhood and returned home with an injury. The injured cat was taken to a veterinary hospital and required surgery. The surgeon removed a pellet from the cat's spine which had been fired from a pellet gun. Det Robert Nutley is investigating.

4-22-18, 0014 hrs.

While on patrol, Officer Michael Kingsbury was checking Crowell Park for illegal activity. He discovered two 17 year old males and one 19 year old female in the park after dark. It was evident that the group had been smoking marijuana and a small amount was recovered from one of the males. All were cited under Township Ordinance for being in the park after dark.