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Key: (A) Arrested (V) Victim (W) Witness (O) Other (D) Driver (JM) Juvenile Male (JF) Juvenile Female (ROR) Released on Own Recognizance (ROB) Released on Bail (RTP) Released to Parent (HMC) Hackettstown Medical Center (SCH) St. Clare's Hosp. (MMC) Morristown Medical Center (MCCF) Morris Co. Correctional Facility (MCJDC) Morris Co. Juv. Detention Center

Incident/Event:	Unlawful Possession of a Handgun
Date:	March 22, 2024
Location:	Rt. 46 Budd Lake, NJ
Investigated by:	Officer Brian Carlstrom
Involved:	Mr. Pavel Molina (A), 48 YO M, Port Murray, NJ

On March 23, 2024, at 11:07 pm, Officer Carlstrom was on routine patrol when he observed a Nissan pickup truck traveling east on Rt. 46 with a non-functioning headlight. Officer Carlstrom initiated a motor vehicle stop of the Nissan in the area of the BP Gas Station. Officer Carlstrom made contact with the driver, who was identified as Mr. Pavel Molina. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that Mr. Molina had a loaded handgun in the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The investigation also revealed that the handgun had a high capacity magazine that had hollow point ammunition. Officer Carlstrom took possession of the gun and placed Mr. Molina under arrest. Mr. Molina was transported to Police headquarters where he was charged with Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Possession of Hollow Nose Ammunition, Possession of a Large Capacity Magazine, and Unlawful Transportation of a Firearm. Mr. Molina was released pending a court hearing.

Incident/Event:	Shoplifting
Date:	March 23, 2024
Location:	Walmart 40 International Drive South Flanders, NJ
Investigated by:	Corporal Lonnie Elbaum
Involved:	Ms. Nannette G. Gonzalez (A), 25 YO F, Jersey City, NJ

On March 23, 2024, at 11:23 pm, Cpl. Elbaum responded to Walmart for the report of a shoplifting. Upon arrival, Cpl. Elbaum was directed to the Loss Prevention Office where he made contact with Ms. Nannette Gonzalez. Loss Prevention advised that Ms. Gonzalez was observed removing a tag from an item and placing it in her bag. Loss Prevention then observed Ms. Gonzalez fail to pay for the item at checkout. Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that Ms. Gonzalez had also placed multiple other items in her bag prior to checkout. The merchandise totaled \$170.00. Ms. Gonzalez was placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters. Ms. Gonzalez was charged with Shoplifting and released pending a court hearing.

Incident/Event:	Shoplifting
Date:	March 24, 2024
Location:	Walmart 40 International Drive South Flanders, NJ
Investigated by:	Officer Justin Rodriguez
Involved:	Mr. Scott D. Osborne (A), 49 YO M, Hopatcong, NJ

On March 24, 2024, at 1:29 pm, Officer Rodriguez responded to Walmart for the report of shoplifting. Officer Rodriguez was directed to the Loss Prevention Office where he made contact with Mr. Scott Osborne. Mr. Osborn was observed by Loss Prevention placing items in a bag, then attempting to leave the store without purchasing the items. The merchandise totaled \$175.97. Mr. Osborne was placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters. He was charged with Shoplifting and released pending a court hearing.

Incident/Event:	Shoplifting
Date:	March 26, 2024
Location:	Walmart 40 International Drive South Flanders, NJ
Investigated by:	Officer Casey Grimm
Involved:	Mr. Carlos A. Mercado (A), 28 YO M, Jersey City, NJ

On March 26, 2024, at 5:45 pm Officer Grimm responded to Walmart for the report of shoplifting. Officer Grimm was directed to the Loss Prevention Office where he made contact with Mr. Carlos Mercado. Mr. Mercado was observed by Loss Prevention removing merchandise from its packaging and placing it in his pockets. Mr. Mercado attempted to leave the store without paying for the items. The merchandise totaled \$117.02. Mr. Mercado was placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters. He was charged with Shoplifting and released pending a court hearing.

All parties listed above are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.