

# THE CITY OF SUMMIT

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CITY HALL 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE SUMMIT, NJ 07901

## Summit Police Department

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### December 2020 Blotter

12/1/2020—At approximately 06:40 hours a report was taken for the theft of an unsecured motor vehicle parked at a Springfield Avenue office building parking lot. The victim reported the incident occurred approximately at 06:40 hours on 12/1/2020. Taken was a 2012 black Toyota Sequoia. The estimated value of the vehicle is \$20,000.

12/3/2020—At 13:30 hours a report was taken for a theft from a DeForest Avenue business. The incident occurred at 0721 hours when a black male wearing a black face mask, dark grey winter coat, a black backpack, blue pants and red sneakers entered the establishment. The surveillance footage caught the suspect in question take several items, place them in a bag and walk out of the store. The exact value of the items taken was \$251.94.

12/4/2020—At 13:50 hours an Officer on an Extra Duty Assignment was flagged down by a resident that had just witnessed a theft. The Officer notified dispatch that he was flagged down by a resident that witnessed a Black male with a thin build, wearing a dark "forest" green jacket and dark black/blue pants steal a blue and white "Golf" style umbrella from a Shunpike Road residence. At the time of the report there was not an exact monetary value to the stolen item.

12/8/2020—At 12:43 hours a report was taken for a theft that occurred at a Summit Avenue business. The victim/employee stated they had a personal item shipped to their place of employment and never received the package. The victim stated the FedEx package that was missing was a pink Tory Burch Perry Triple-compartment tote bag. The package was delivered at 1532 hours, to another Summit Avenue business—both businesses share the same address. An employee of the other business received the package and placed it in the shared interior hallway to the building. The victim stated they were notified by FedEx that their package was delivered; however, the package was not at their place of business or in the shared interior hallway. The tote bag was valued at \$221.00 at the time of the report.

12/9/2020—John W. Telford, 49, of Summit was arrested and charged with shoplifting, use of paraphernalia and an ACS contempt of court warrant out of South Orange. Mr. Telford was processed and released with a pending court date.

12/10/2020—At 09:19 hours a report was taken for a burglary/theft from an unlocked motor vehicle that was parked in the driveway at a Laurel Avenue residence. The victim reported the incident occurred between 0527 hours and 0529 hours. The victim also provided video surveillance footage showing a possible suspect described as a black male wearing a white hat, a white hooded jacket, a white/grey backpack with black straps, white gloves, grey jeans and black/white shoes. The only item which was reported to be stolen was a black Milwaukee flashlight valued at \$30.00.

12/12/2020—At 16:09 hours a report was taken for a burglary to a Park Avenue business located in a residential structure. Unlawful entrance was made through a basement storm window. The business was ransacked and (1) one wooden cabinet was taken from the scene. At the time of the report, an exact value of stolen item was unknown.

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12/15/2020—At 02:18 hours a report was taken for a theft by deception. The victim reported an unknown individual informed them by phone that their Amazon account has been compromised. The unknown caller went on to instruct them to download an app called Zelle for them to be able to regain possession of their Amazon account. After downloading the app they were instructed to provide their bank account information. The victim stated the next day monetary funds were missing from their bank account. The total amount of the theft was \$999.00.

12/15/2020—At 19:32 hours a report was taken for a theft from an unsecured motor vehicle parked at a Springfield Avenue parking garage. The victim reported the incident possibly occurred on 11/29/20. Removed from the vehicle was one (1) pair of black and brown colored Carrera sunglasses. The sunglasses were valued at approximately \$200.00 at the time of the report.

12/16/2020—At 00:51 hours a report was taken for a theft from an unsecured motor vehicle parked at a Springfield Avenue parking garage. The victim reported the incident occurred between 13:00 hours and 15:00 hours. Removed from the vehicle was (1) box of assorted pastries, valued at approximately \$30.00.

12/16—At 13:45 hours a report was taken for a theft by deception from a Canoe Brook Parkway residence. The victims reported receiving a phone call from an unknown male identifying himself as an attorney at approximately 0930 hours on the same date. The caller stated that the victim's grandson had been arrested in a neighboring town and was currently being housed in the county jail. In order for the victim's grandson to receive immediate legal representation and to post bail, the victims would need to supply \$9,000.00 cash to the caller by leaving it in a box on their front steps. The victims did as they were instructed and at approximately 12:15 hours witnessed a white van arrive at the residence. A skinny, black male, approximately 30 years old, wearing a facial mask, black hooded sweatshirt and black pants exited the passenger side of the vehicle, responded to the residence and removed the box with the cash in it. The suspect retreated back to the van and vacated the area. The victims later confirmed that their grandson had not been arrested or contacted an attorney for any legal representation. The investigation was subsequently turned over to the Detective Bureau.

**\*\* REMINDER—If you, or a loved one receives a phone call of this nature stating a family member has been arrested and needs immediate funds— cash or gift card—for bail or legal representation, contact the Summit Police Department immediately at 908-273-0051. Do not provide personal information or confirm information over the phone with these individuals. Bail can never be posted with a gift card. No law enforcement agency will ask for any form of payment by gift card or cash being left at a residence.**

12/31/2020—At 14:05 hours a report was taken for a theft by deception. The victim reported that on 12/7/2020 at approximately 18:00 hours they received a text message under the guise of a TD Bank fraud alert. The text message prompted the victim to transfer funds to another account. Total amount of the theft was \$1400.00.

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