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3-21-23, 1353 hrs.

Macy's, 1300 block of Baltimore Pike, reported a shoplifter in custody. Abdul Jamar Rooks, 43 years old from Chester, was observed concealing 7 pairs of Polo socks in a bag and attempting to leave the store. He was detained by store security. The stolen items totaled \$187. Rooks was charged with Retail Theft.

3-24-23, 2021 and 2037 hrs.

Two vehicle owners reported catalytic converter thefts. Both vehicles were parked in the Springfield Mall lot in the area of the Target store. Target security cameras captured both thefts. Det. Kyle Cutcliff is investigating.

3-26-23, 0759 hrs.

The business owner of Nerds to Go, 609 S Chester Rd, reported a burglary in progress. The owner was alerted to an intruder in the business and actively watching security cameras on his cell phone. He provided a description of the suspect who had fled the store prior to police arrival. While checking the area, Officer Brian Dunkle conducted a pedestrian stop of a male who matched the description. The subject, Quadeer Miller, 36 years old from Chester, was positively identified by the business owner. Miller was arrested and charged with Burglary and related offenses.

There were several incidents this past week of local mailboxes being entered and mail containing checks stolen. These checks are later "washed" or otherwise altered and cashed for larger sums than written. The Police Department is working with the Postal Inspector to investigate these crimes. Surveillance efforts have resulted in identifying vehicles and potential suspects. Until this type of illegal activity ends, residents are encouraged to mail checks inside the post office. The postal authorities suggest using a fine tipped Sharpie or gel pen when writing checks making it difficult to alter.