



# Police Department

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## Mountain Lakes Police Borough Council Monthly Report April 2025

- On April 5th, at approximately 12:55 PM, Patrolman Stewart conducted a motor vehicle stop in the Wawa parking lot which led to the pursuit of the driver, 29-year-old Dasean Lewis of Ewing. The pursuit was terminated before the suspect was apprehended. A criminal warrant was subsequently issued for the arrest of Dasean Lewis for eluding.
- On April 6th, at approximately 2:58 AM, two unknown subjects wearing ski masks, entered the unlocked front door of a residence on Lookout Road. The subjects stole a set of car keys as well as a jacket. The subjects fled the scene after being scared away by the homeowner's dog. A subsequent investigation by Detective Torres led to the charge and arrest of one of the individuals, 25-year-old Alquan A. Harris of East Orange. Mr. Harris was charged by our agency with conspiracy, residential burglary with an intent to commit a crime therein, theft by unlawful taking, and possession of burglary tools. Mr. Harris is currently lodged in the Essex County Correctional Facility, where he will be held until his court hearings.
- On April 12th, officers attended the annual Mountain Lakes Trout Derby. The Mountain Lakes PBA presented the annual "Spinner Award" named for former Mountain Lakes Police Chief Joe "Spinner" Spinozzi. The PBA 310 also had the honor of donating the grand prize for the biggest catch of the day.
- On April 18th, at approximately 1:04 AM, Patrolman Stewart conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 46 West that led to the arrest of the driver, 39-year-old Marlon E. Barahona-Vargas of Dover for driving while intoxicated. Mr. Barahona-Vargas was issued motor vehicle summonses for driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain lane, reckless driving, and careless driving. The defendant was released pending a mandatory court hearing.
- On April 23rd, at approximately 10:30 PM, Patrolman Stewart conducted a motor vehicle stop that led to the arrest of 19-year-old Sebastian Alvarado of Wharton for an active traffic warrant out of Denville. Mr. Alvarado posted bail and was released pending a mandatory court hearing.

- On April 26th, at approximately 10:55 PM, Patrolman Grady conducted a motor vehicle stop along Route 46 East that led to the arrest of 31-year-old Rahityl Bhuiyan of Brooklyn, NY, for driving while intoxicated. Mr. Bhuiyan was issued motor vehicle summonses for driving while intoxicated, running a red light, reckless driving, and careless driving. Mr. Bhuiyan was released pending a mandatory court hearing.
- On April 27th, at approximately 10:43 PM, Patrolman Grady conducted a pedestrian stop along Route 46 East that led to the arrest of 26-year-old Michael Pol of Parsippany for an active traffic warrant out of Lincoln Park. A subsequent investigation uncovered the possession of a controlled dangerous substance as well as drug paraphernalia. Michael Pol was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, failure to surrender a controlled dangerous substance to police, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Mr. Pol was released pending a mandatory court hearing as well as issued a new court hearing for the outstanding traffic warrant.

*A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures are present. The first is 'SL' and the second is 'BO'. Both are written in black ink.

Chief Shawn Bennett