



Criminal Investigations Unit Notable Incidents for 2019

Armed Robbery - On Jan. 4, 2019, the Haverford Police responded to the Town Tap located at 13 W. Benedict Ave. for a robbery. Police spoke to patrons and employees who indicated that two black male suspects entered the business and announced a robbery. The one suspect escorted an employee back to the office where the money was located and the other suspect collected patron's cell phones. The suspects collected cash from the office safe as well as the bar register and fled the business on foot towards Bellemead Ave. Detectives responded to the scene and collected evidence along with witness statements. A cell phone, which was determined to be left behind at the scene by the suspects, was recovered. The FBI Violent Crimes Task Force was notified and assisted with this investigation. The actor(s) in this incident were suspected of committing several robberies in Delaware and Philadelphia Counties. Detectives were able to view information on the face of the phone, which led to a public profile name on Facebook. This image was then checked via Facial Recognition technology and a suspect was developed in this incident. The HTPD Detectives along with FBI Violent Crimes Task Force filed numerous search warrants, which eventually led to the arrest of Ajahnique Wilson for the robbery committed in Haverford Township, Upper Darby Twp. and Philadelphia. A second suspect has been identified and is in custody on charges in Philadelphia but not charged at the federal level yet in our case.

Aggravated Assault (Shooting) - On Feb. 12, 2019 the Haverford Police responded to Rose Tree Rd. and Glen Gary Dr. for a shooting. Police on scene discovered a victim in the street with a gunshot wound to the head. The victim was treated and transported to Lankenau Hospital. The Haverford Township Police Detective Unit, Delaware County CID and the District Attorney's office conducted the investigation. The area video evidence was collected and neighborhood interviews were conducted which led police to a suspect. HTPD detectives along with CID Detectives obtained a search warrant for a residence of a juvenile suspect in the 100 block Friendship Rd. There were two search warrants approved, one for the residence and one for the vehicle. The search warrants were served early the next morning after the shooting. Police located the gun involved in this incident and a juvenile suspect was arrested during the search warrant process. This case is currently awaiting trial in the Delaware County court system.

Bank Robbery - On Feb. 24, 2019, the Haverford Police responded to the Citizen's Bank located inside the Giant store at 116 W. Township Line Rd. Havertown, Pa for a robbery. The black male actor entered the bank area at 1:28 PM, presented the teller with a demand note, and implied that he had a weapon. The suspect was provided with cash from the teller drawers and he fled outside and into an awaiting taxicab. HTPD Detectives responded to the scene and were able to provide a still photograph of the actor, which was posted to the Haverford Police social media page. Upper Darby Police contacted HTPD with a name of a possible suspect. HTPD Detectives prepared a line up and the suspect Michael Edmondson was identified as the actor who committed the robbery. A warrant for arrest was obtained for Michael Edmondson later that same day of the robbery. Agents from the FBI office in Newtown Square became involved in this investigation as well as the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force in Philadelphia. Michael Edmondson went on to commit several more robberies in Upper Merion, Philadelphia and Bensalem before being captured on March 8, 2019. Det. Laughlin worked along with the FBI and several other jurisdictions ending with the arrest of Michael Edmondson who confessed to committing four robberies in the three county area. Edmondson plead guilty to all four charges in federal court and is currently awaiting sentencing.

Armed Robberies - On April 28, 2019, HTPD received reports of two armed robberies that had occurred with a similar suspect description. **400 E. Township Line Rd. (Sunoco) (0008 hrs.)**. A Black male suspect with partial facemask entered the station and displayed a firearm. The clerk fled the store and called 911. The suspect jumped over the counter and removed Juul kits from the display. The suspect then fled the store on foot towards Meadowbrook and then back to Spring Rd. **2600 block Haverford Rd. (7-Eleven) (0021 hrs.)**. Black male suspect with partial facemask entered the store and displayed a firearm. The clerk provided the suspect with cash, cigarettes and Juul kits. The suspect then fled on foot towards the Rusty Nail side of the business and possibly around to the rear. An arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect who was identified as Sharif Givens. On 5/11/2019, Sharif Givens was arrested by Lower Chichester Police Department when he was stopped as the result of a pedestrian investigation. He was returned to Haverford Township and then transported to Delaware County Prison.

Bank Robbery – On July 29, 2019, HTPD responded to Wells Fargo Bank 1120 West Chester Pike. Actor entered the bank, approached the bank teller, handed her a note implying that he had a weapon, and demanded money. The bank teller refused and the suspect turned around and fled the bank on foot without any money. Witness in the area stated that the suspect entered a Red colored Jeep behind a business located at Manoa Rd. & West Chester Pike and then fled the area in an unknown direction. The suspect was described as being a black male, stocky build, 5'11, wearing a grey/white Phillies (Bryce Harper) shirt with the number "3", dark colored shorts and a white "bucket" hat. The subject had a light colored satchel over his shoulder. The suspect appears to be the same suspect who committed a similar Bank Robbery at the Wells Fargo Bank on West Chester Pike in Marple Township approximately ten minutes after the attempt in Haverford Township. A joint investigation was conducted with the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force and several local jurisdictions. A suspect (Michael Wheeler) was developed and an Agent from FBI office in Newtown Square reports that Wheeler was taken into custody on Wed. 8-14-2019 in the state of Delaware. It was reported that he was cooperating with FBI agents and speaking to investigators. Wheeler did confess to this incident in Haverford Township.

Armed Robbery – On December 31, 2019, HTPD responded to a robbery and assault that had just occurred at the Fiji Nail Salon located in the 100 block of W. Eagle Road. The investigation revealed that the establishment was robbed via gunpoint by three B/M subjects. Suspect # 1 was described as B/M approximately 5'8" - 6', wearing gloves, a black hooded sweatshirt and a mask covering half of his face, dark colored pants, and Timberland style boots armed with a semi-automatic handgun. Suspect # 2 was described as B/M actor 5'8" - 6', wearing gloves, a black hooded sweatshirt and a mask covering half of his face, eyeglasses, dark colored pants and dark colored boots armed with a silver semi-automatic handgun. Suspect #3 was described as B/M 5'8" - 6', wearing black hooded jacket and a mask covering half of his face, eyeglasses dark colored pants, sneakers armed with a silver semi-automatic handgun. Evidence was collected from the scene, video from surrounding business and residences was collected and a suspect has been developed. The suspect was taken into custody by Uwchland Township Police while committing a burglary within their jurisdiction. The suspect was in possession of evidence that had been utilized in the Robbery at Fiji nails (mask, gun, zip ties and backpack). HTPD is working in conjunction with the Attorney Generals Office, the ATF and several other jurisdictions. Charges are pending on the suspect.