



LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Report for Incident 17-009525

Nature: THEFT, VEHICLE
Location: A5

Address: 321 2ND ST; 3
LAKEWOOD NJ 08701

Offense Codes: TVAU, TPPK

Received By: LATSHAW D

How Received: 9

Agency: LPD

Responding Officers:

Responsible Officer: DISTEFANO T

Disposition: CAA 02/19/17

When Reported: 23:16:05 02/19/17

Occurred Between: 23:15:44 02/19/17 and 23:15:44 02/19/17

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant: 248159

Last: REGUERA

First: MARIA

Mid:

DOB: 10/25/85

Dr Lic:

Address: 321 2ND ST; 2

Race: L

Sex: F

Phone: () -

City: LAKEWOOD, NJ 08701

Offense Codes

Reported: TVAU Theft, Veh, Automobile

Observed:

Additional Offense: TVAU Theft, Veh, Automobile

Additional Offense: TPPK Theft, Prop, Pocket

Circumstances

NIGHT Night (6 p.m. - 6 a.m.)

Responding Officers:

Unit :

DISTEFANO T

368

KEARNS P

336

VEGA E S

348

Responsible Officer: DISTEFANO T

Agency: LPD

Received By: LATSHAW D

Last Radio Log: 02:15:07 02/20/17 FI

How Received: 9 911 Call

Clearance: RC REPORT COMPLETED

When Reported: 23:16:05 02/19/17

Disposition: CAA **Date:** 02/19/17

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 23:15:44 02/19/17

Misc Entry:

and: 23:15:44 02/19/17

Modus Operandi:

Day of Week
Preferred Drugs
Transportation

Description :

Preferred Day of Week
Drugs of Preference
Transportation Used

Method :

Saturday
Alcohol
Stolen Vehicle

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	
02/20/17	Law Incident	RECOVERED VEH. 17-009553	Involved
02/20/17	Name	SANTIAGO, GASIEL	Victim
02/20/17	Name	DEJESUS-BOTELLO, ALEJANDRO	Arrested
02/20/17	Name	REGUERA, MARIA	Complainant
02/19/17	Offense	Offense#: 27369 - DP - 1 count	Charged With
02/20/17	Vehicle	BLU 2007 CHRY PACIFICA TX	Vehicle
02/19/17	Cad Call	23:16:05 02/19/17 THEFT, VEHICLE	Initiating Call

Narrative

Lakewood Township Police Department
Investigation Narrative

Case number: 17-009525
Call Type: Theft, Vehicle/Theft
Date: February 19, 2017
Time: 23:16 hours
Location: 231 2nd Street; 3, Lakewood, NJ 08701
Reporting Officer: Ptl. DiStefano #368

On February 19, 2017, at approximately 2316 hours, I responded to 321 2nd Street, for a report of a vehicle just being stolen. Lakewood dispatched advised they received several phone calls about the incident.

Upon my arrival, I spoke to one caller identified as Alejandro de Jesus Botello. He explained he was on his way back from the Pine Cone liquor and as he was running on the sidewalk trying to beat the traffic light he had tripped and fell. Mr. Botello explained that his friends car keys were in his pocket and when he fell they came out onto the sidewalk. Simultaneously to Mr. Botello falling, a black male wearing a white t-shirt and black pants, rode up on a bicycle, Mr. Botello stated. He said he doesn't understand good English but he understood that the male was asking about keys. Mr. Botello explained that he got nervous thinking that the suspect was going to rob him so he got up and walked back to his friends house and he thinks he saw the suspect pick the keys up and ride away.

When Mr. Botello returned to his friends house, he was explaining to them what had happened to the keys, and while they were talking they observed their vehicle being driven out of the parking lot and then east on 2nd Street. The vehicle was described as a blue 2007 Chrysler Pacifica bearing Texas registration HRZ6298.

I then spoke with the vehicle owners, Gasiel Santiago and Maria Reguera. They explained that Mr. Botello was an acquaintance that was at the house helping install flooring. They do not know why Mr. Botello took their keys but they were able to confirm that he was standing there with them when the vehicle was driven away. I asked them if they have ever given Mr. Botello permission to drive their vehicle before and they told me no and advised me no one has been given permission to drive the vehicle.

I asked Mr. Botello why he had taken their keys and he stated that he was going to the liquor so he took the keys to ensure that he can get back in the house when he got back. Ms. Reguera and Mr. Santiago still did not understand why Mr. Botello thought he was even authorized to come back there and drink. They said he was strictly there to assist in the floor installation and was not authorized to borrow the keys or come back to drink. They then stressed to me that they wanted Mr. Botello arrested because he took the keys without permission which then lead to their vehicle being stolen.

I then placed Mr. Botello under arrest for the theft of the keys. He was handcuffed behind his back, handcuffs double locked, and placed into the rear compartment of Ptl. Vega's vehicle. He was then transported to police headquarters, where he was booked and processed. The vehicle was then entered NCIC as stolen.

I found Mr. Botello's story to somewhat hard to believe so I decided to attempt to further question him. I handed Mr. Botello his Miranda Warning in Spanish and had him read it out loud. When he was finished I asked him if he understood, and he said yes and advised he is willing to answer my questions. After he signed the form, I explained to him that his story just didn't seem to add up. I asked him again to explain to me what happen to determine if there were any changes after time had passed. He again explained the story with the same details and even included a description of the suspect that took the keys after he dropped them. He said it was a black male wearing a white shirt, black pants, and riding a red bicycle.

Without further evidence or probable cause to prove Mr. Botello's story was not true, he was charged with the Theft of the keys, and released on a summons complaint. He was provided a copy of the complaint and advised that he has a court date of March 2, 2017.

Submitted by: Ptl. DiStefano #368 on February 20, 2017

Supplement

CAD Call info/comments

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spanish speaking clr - reporting her blu chrysler pacifica with texas reg taken within the last 5-10 mins last seen east on 2nd st

23:20:24 02/19/2017 - LATSHAW D

clr believes it may be the neighbors upstairs that took the vehicle

23:22:55 02/19/2017 - LATSHAW D

*alejandro, called 911 separately - husband and owner of the vehicle - dropped the keys and was jumped and keys were stolen - [REDACTED]

23:40:28 02/19/2017 - SPENCE C - From: DISTEFANO T
VIN/2A8GM68X07R201736

23:44:08 02/19/2017 - SPENCE C

AS PER 368 VEHICLE NOT BEING ENTERED AT THIS TIME

00:04:41 02/20/2017 - SPENCE C - From: DISTEFANO T
ENTER VEHICLE

00:06:57 02/20/2017 - SPENCE C - From: VEGA E S
1 IN CUSTODY

00:12:30 02/20/2017 - SPENCE C - From: DISTEFANO T
MALE IN CUSTODY THEFT OF KEYS

00:26:54 02/20/2017 - LATSHAW D

TX/HRZ6298 ENTERED NCIC NIC#V489024893

Vehicles

Vehicle Number:

175901

License Plate: HRZ6298**State:** TX**Vehicle Year:** 2007**Make:** CHRY Chrysler**Color:** BLU /**Vehicle Type:** PVAN Passenger Van**License Type:** PC Regular Passenger Automobile**Expires:** 08/31/17**VIN:** 2A8GM68X07R201736**Model:** PACIFICA**Doors:** 0**Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Last:** SANTIAGO-
JIMENEZ**First:** GASIEL**Mid:****DOB:** 03/11/87**Dr Lic:****Address:** 321 2ND STREET**Race:** L**Sex:** M**Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** LAKEWOOD, NJ 08701**Agency:****Officer:****UCR Status:****Local Status:****Status Date:** **/**/****Comments:****Date Recov/Rcvd:** **/**/****Area:****Wrecker Service:****Storage Location:****Release Date:** **/**/**

Name Involvements:

Victim : 150800

Last: SANTIAGO

DOB: 03/11/87

Race: Sex: M

First: GASIEL

Dr Lic:

Phone: () -

Mid:

Address: 123 2ND ST; 2

City: LAKEWOOD, NJ 08701

Arrested : 200225

Last: DEJESUS-
BOTELLO

DOB: 03/28/73

Race: L Sex: M

First: ALEJANDRO

Dr Lic:

Phone: () -

Mid:

Address: 210 COVENTRY DR

City: LAKEWOOD, NJ 08701

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