



EDISON POLICE DEPARTMENT
EDISON, NJ

INCIDENT # / REPORT #

22024947 / 1

OFFICER

LEONIY, ROBERT

RANK

SERGEANT

REVIEW STATUS

APPROVED

INCIDENT #22024947 DATA

As Of 05/13/2022 16:09:44

BASIC INFORMATION

CASE TITLE

MV STOP/IMITATION FIREARM

LOCATION

OLD POST RD & WOODEDGE AVE

APT/UNIT #

DATE/TIME REPORTED

04/23/2022 16:33:21

DATE/TIME OCCURRED

On or about 04/23/2022 16:33

INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)

(2C:39-4E)POSSESS IMITATION FIREARM

(2C:39-3(E))POSSESSION OF PROHIBITED WEAPONS AND DEVICES/CERTA

(2C:39-5D)POSSESS WEAPON

PERSONS

ROLE

VEHICLE OWNER

NAME

[REDACTED]

SEX

[REDACTED]

RACE

[REDACTED]

OFFENDERS

STATUS

DEFENDANT

NAME

MATHEWS, KEVIN JOHN

SEX

MALE

RACE

WHITE

VEHICLES

ROLE

SUSPECT VEHICLE

TYPE

[REDACTED]

YEAR

2004

MAKE

CHE

MODEL

SUB

COLOR

BLUE

REG #

[REDACTED]

STATE

NJ

STOLEN \$

[REDACTED]

REC CODE

[REDACTED]

DATE REC

[REDACTED]

REC \$

[REDACTED]

REC BY

[REDACTED]

[NO PROPERTY]

OFFICER REPORT: 22024947 - 1 / LEONIY, ROBERT (448)

DATE/TIME OF REPORT

04/23/2022 20:15:13

TYPE OF REPORT

INCIDENT

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NARRATIVE

On April 23, 2022 at approximately 1633 hours, Ptl. Hetzell advised that a male operating a motorcycle had approached him alleging a driver of a blue Chevy Suburban pointed a gun at him over a road rage incident. Ptl. Hetzell further advised that the suspect vehicle was possibly travelling on Stony Road towards Route 1. I Ptl. Leoniy was in the area of Old Post Road and Woodedge Avenue when I observed suspect vehicle bearing New Jersey Registration " [REDACTED] stopped at the stop sign across from the Capitol One bank. I advised communications that I had sight of the suspect vehicle waiting for additional units arrival before attempting to stop.

Sgts. Sorber, Varga, Ptlm. Hetzell, Singh, Goldfarb, Cercatore, Paone, Farrell, Patel and Susalla on scene

I conducted a felony stop in said area with my duty weapon pointed at suspects/vehicle while issuing verbal commands. The driver, later identified as Kevin Mathews, was ordered out of the vehicle and secured in handcuffs without incident. Next, the front seat passenger, later identified as [REDACTED] was ordered outside the vehicle and secured in handcuffs without incident. Officers then approached and cleared suspect vehicle without incident. Located in plain-view tucked inside of the front passenger side door was the butt of a handgun, there was also a large holstered knife that was observed to be resting in the center console. At this time Sgt. Sorber requested BCI to respond.

I then made contact with the victim, identified as [REDACTED] whom was on scene at the time stating the following: he was travelling on Plainfield Avenue when the suspect vehicle had cut him off and attempted to run him off the roadway. [REDACTED] decided to fall back behind suspect vehicle where they turned off of Plainfield Avenue onto Central Avenue towards Stony Road. While approaching the traffic light located at Stony Road and Lincoln Highway, [REDACTED] then attempted to pass suspect vehicle at which time the Mathews brandished and pointed what he described to be a black rifle with a suppressor attached at him. It was at this time that he sped away and flagged down Ptl. Hetzell whom happened to be in the area. [REDACTED] was adamant that the gun was real and that he was in fear for his life.

BCI Det. Lau on scene

After BCI Det. Lau processed the scene, he took possession of the handgun, later determined to be a defaced airsoft gun and knife. Based on probable cause, a search of the vehicle was conducted for further weapons yielding positive results. Located inside a green back pack on the rear floor board was a switch blade style knife which also contained Mathews wallet/driver's license. I then located a defaced AK-47 style airsoft rifle with a removed

stock and suppressor equipped found inside a red bag on top of the rear passenger seat. Also located in same bag were several magazines, a tactical vest and holster. Before departure, Majestic on scene whom impounded vehicle.

Both Mathews and [REDACTED] were transported to Police Headquarters where they were booked and processed according to policy without incident. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I then contacted AP Lauren Canfile whom advised Mathews charges 2C:39-4E, 2C:39-5D, and 2C:39-3(E) to be placed on a warrant. Next, I contacted Honorable Judge Price whom approved warrant #1205W202200440. Mathews was then transported to MCACC without incident.

It is to be noted that I spoke with Mathews in the booking room where he was issued his Miranda warning to which he verbally acknowledged and understood. Mathews then admitted that as a result of a road rage incident, he asked [REDACTED] to hand him the airsoft rifle at which time he pointed it at [REDACTED]

- BWC utilized
- Show of Force completed
- Victim notification form completed
- Evidence submitted accordingly
- Impound sheet completed

REPORT OFFICERS

Reporting Officer:	LEONIY, ROBERT	448
Reviewing Officer:	SORBER,CHRISTOPHER	395
Approving Officer:	STEIN,KEITH	290