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Lawrence Township Police arrest man suspected of multiple burglaries and aggravated assault

On Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at approximately 08:22 a.m., the Lawrence Township Police Department responded to Notre Dame High School after school officials initiated a shelter-in-place as a precautionary measure. The shelter-in-place was initiated after it was learned that an unknown male had unlawfully entered the school building during the overnight hours.

An initial investigation determined that at approximately 11:10 p.m. on March 16, 2026, a male suspect entered the school through an unsecured door and walked through portions of the building, during which he damaged property and stole various items belonging to the school before leaving the area around 11:30 p.m. Based on available information, it was not believed the individual remained inside the building. However, out of an abundance of caution, officers and detectives conducted a thorough search of the school. The suspect was not located and at no time was there any known threat to the students or staff.

During the investigation, officers and detectives determined that the suspect matched the description of an individual involved in several recent incidents in Lawrence Township. These incidents included a disturbance on March 3, 2026 at the McDonald's located on the Brunswick Circle Extension in which the suspect became involved in a verbal argument with a victim. During the argument, the suspect allegedly brandished a knife in a threatening manner towards the victim. The previous incidents at Carriage Park, located at 100 and 2000 Colts Circle occurred on March 3, 2026, March 13th into the 14th and today, March 17, 2026. During each of these incidents, the suspect forced entry into the building via the main entrance, entered the mailroom and stole various packages.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., officers located a male matching the suspect's description in the area of Brunswick Pike, near Darrah Lane. The individual was observed traveling on a bicycle and was later located at a business in the 2700 block of Brunswick Pike. Officers made contact with the individual and took him into custody without incident. Search incident to arrest revealed the suspect to be in possession of various stolen property in addition to a Controlled Dangerous Substance and drug paraphernalia.

The suspect has been identified as Erick Alvear Vizcaino, 26, of the City of Trenton. Vizcaino has been charged with Aggravated Assault (3rd degree), Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose (3rd degree), five counts of Burglary (Third degree), five counts of Theft (Third degree), two counts of criminal mischief (4th degree and Disorderly Persons Offense), Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (Third Degree) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Disorderly Persons Offense). He was processed and lodged at the Mercer County Correctional Center pending a detention hearing.

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Anyone with additional information related to these incident is encouraged to contact Detectives S. Girard #204 or Detective D. Sawasky #230 at 609-844-7124, 609-844-7125 or at sgirard@lawrencetwp.com or dsawasky@lawrencetwp.com.



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