



Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release:

On June 28, at approximately 7:00 PM, P.O. Joseph Benanti was dispatched to a report of a driver needing medical assistance on Wyckoff Avenue. The vehicle was located, and the subsequent investigation revealed that the driver appeared to be under the influence. The driver, Erica Scannelli, Wyckoff NJ, age; 40 was transported into headquarters. She was charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, failure to report an accident, leaving the scene of an accident, and refusal to consent to breath samples. Her vehicle was impounded and held for 12 hours under John's Law. She was processed and released to a family member pending a court date.

On July 6, at approximately at 5:30 PM, P.O. John Rafferty, Sgt. Mark Tagliareni and P.O. Ryan Noon responded to Crescent Avenue on a report of an erratic driver. The vehicle was located, and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Stephen Borelli, Wyckoff NJ, age; 34. He was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, and refusal to consent to breath samples. His vehicle was impounded and held for 12 hours under John's Law. He was processed and released to a family member pending a court date.

On July 14, at approximately 9:00 PM, Sgt. Michael DeMaio, P.O. Michael Flim, and P.O. Kevin Oldewurtel were dispatched to the intersection of Wyckoff Avenue and Lake Avenue on a report of a physical altercation taking place. While speaking with the individuals involved, one of them assaulted P.O. Flim. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Michael Rosa, Midland Park NJ, age; 26. He was transported into headquarters and charged with aggravated assault on a Law Enforcement Officer. After being processed, he was remanded to the Bergen County Jail. Midland Park Police officers provided assistance to the Wyckoff officers.

On July 19, at approximately 4:30 PM, P.O. Robert Schlossberg was dispatched to the Stop and Shop Supermarket on a report of shoplifting. He was advised that the store security

had surveillance video of the actor leaving the store without paying for merchandise on July 16 & 17. While reviewing the video, P.O. Schlossberg recognized the actor as Jeffrey Vaningen, Franklin Lakes NJ, age; 50. This information was forwarded to the detective bureau for further investigation. On July 21, Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci and Lt. Joseph Soto observed Vaningen walking on Franklin Avenue and detained him for further investigation. At the conclusion of the investigation, he was charged with 4th degree shoplifting. He was processed and released pending a court date.

On July 23 at approximately 7:15 PM, P.O. Ryan Noon, P.O. James Bakelaar, and P.O. Kenneth Marcoux were dispatched to Starbucks, 327 Franklin Avenue, on a report of a physical altercation taking place. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Bryan Thompson, Highland Park NJ, age; 33. He was charged with one count of simple assault and released pending a court date.

On August 5, a contractor reported that a recently fired employee had stolen materials from a work site on Franklin Avenue and caused damage to a structure. The matter was referred to the detective bureau. Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci investigated and charged Rene Cepeda, Hackensack NJ, age; 44 with one count of 3rd degree theft and one count of criminal mischief. He was served with a complaint and released pending a court date.

On August 15, at approximately 12:25 AM, P.O. Kevin Oldewurtel observed a white Audi travelling on Franklin Avenue without any lights on. The vehicle was stopped near Hartung Drive and resulted in the arrest of the driver, Nish Patel, Iselin NJ, age; 22. Mr. Patel was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, failure to produce a registration card, failure to produce a valid insurance card, maintenance of vehicle lamps, and reckless driving. He was released to the custody of a family member and his vehicle was impounded for 12 hours under John's Law.

On August 22, at approximately 8:30 PM, a resident of Hamden Court reported a vehicle had struck their garage. Police Officers Michael Teegan and John Rafferty observed a black Acura had come to a stop against a tree on the property. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Caroline Brothers, Wyckoff NJ, age; 50. She was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, and reckless driving. Her vehicle was impounded and held for 12 hours under John's Law. After processing, she was released to the custody of a family member.

The Wyckoff Police Department would like to point out that the above individuals have been charged with a crime, offense, and or motor vehicle violations. However, they are presumed innocent unless and until they are found guilty in a court of law.

We cannot stress enough the value of our residents remaining alert in their neighborhoods and reporting anything unusual or suspicious to the police, "Hear It! See It!, Report It!"

We encourage all residents to report ANY suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity occurring at any time to the Wyckoff Police – County Communications Center at 201-891-2121 or 911 in the event of an emergency.