



Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release:

On October 6, at approximately 7:21 PM, P.O. Ryan Tenney and P.O. Terrence Murphy were dispatched to a Wyckoff residence on a report that a vehicle had struck the house. Upon their arrival, they observed that the vehicle was resting against the house and the operator was still sitting in the driver's seat. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Thomas M. McKenna, Oakland NJ, age; 43. McKenna was charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, and failure to maintain a lane. He was released to a family member and is scheduled to appear in court. Sgt. Michael Demaio assisted with the arrest.

On October 11, at approximately 8:35 PM, P.O. Michael Flim observed a vehicle being operated erratically on Route 208 South. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Antonio Cirilo Flores, Englewood NJ, age; 33. He was charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, failure to maintain a lane, and violation of non-resident touring privileges. He was released to a friend and is scheduled to appear in court. Sgt. Michael Demaio and P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione assisted with the arrest.

On October 13, at approximately 9:34 AM, Sgt. Brian Zivkovich, P.O. James Bakelaar and P.O. John Rafferty were dispatched to a Wyckoff residence on a report of a suspicious person who had entered the house. Upon their arrival, Sgt. Zivkovich observed a bicycle in the rear of the unoccupied house and an open door leading to the basement. Sgt. Zivkovich announced his presence through the open door and several seconds later, a male party carrying a backpack

exited through the front door, where P.O. Rafferty was positioned. The male was detained by P.O. Rafferty. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Christopher J. Patton, Long Valley NJ, age; 38. He was charged with burglary to a residence, receiving stolen property, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in court. Assisting in the investigation was Lt. Joseph Soto and Det. Sgt. Kevin Kasak.

Several residents have recently reported incidents of “ghosting” occurring throughout town. While this is usually a harmless Halloween tradition involving children leaving bags of candy on a doorstep, some have chosen to take it to a more nefarious level. Recent reports include bags of rotting food, dirt, and dog feces being left instead of candy. Not only do the actions of those involved blemish the spirit of ghosting, but their behavior could be considered disorderly conduct and harassment under New Jersey law. The Wyckoff Police Department would like to remind parents to have a discussion with their children about inappropriate behavior and the possible consequences of their actions. Above all, the Wyckoff Police want to ensure a safe and enjoyable Halloween for everyone.

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 in their neighborhoods at any time to Wyckoff Police- County Dispatch (201)891-2121

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