



Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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On October 20 at approximately 8:10 AM, a resident arrived at headquarters to turn in a wallet she had found on Eder Avenue. P.O. Michael Flim took possession of the wallet and contacted the owner. The wallet's owner reported that when he left for work in the morning, he observed that his vehicle's center console was open, and the items inside appeared to have been tampered with. He further stated that his wallet had been in the center console. Unknown person(s) had entered his unlocked vehicle during the evening and stole his wallet. Upon retrieving his wallet from headquarters, he reported that nothing appeared to be missing.

On October 20 at approximately 9:00 AM, a resident of West Stevens Avenue reported that their 2019 Audi Q8 had been stolen from their driveway during the evening hours. The vehicles owner advised that he had left the vehicle unlocked with the key fob inside of it. While canvassing the area and reviewing security video, it was discovered that the same actors had entered and attempted to enter several other vehicles in the neighborhood prior to stealing the Audi. On October 29, the Audi was recovered in Newark NJ and had sustained damage to the brakes and suspension. Residents are once again reminded to lock your car doors and remove the keys from them. This is a crime that can easily be prevented.

On October 23, at approximately 1:45 AM, Sgt. Kyle Ferreira observed a black Honda Civic travelling on Route 208 South at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was stopped, and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Ashley Warhurst, Wayne NJ, age; 27. She was transported into headquarters and charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams. She was also issued motor vehicle summonses for speeding, reckless driving, having an obstructed view, failure to exhibit a registration card, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. She was released from headquarters pending a court date.

On October 25, at approximately 1:15 AM, Sgt. Kyle Ferreira and P.O. Kevin Oldewurtel were alerted to a stolen vehicle that was entering Route 208 South from Route 287. The officers observed the vehicle, a black 2018 Lincoln Navigator, travel past their location and conducted a motor vehicle stop. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of a 17-year-old female resident of Randolph, NJ. The juvenile was transported into headquarters and charged with receiving stolen property. She was also issued a motor vehicle summons for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. She was released to the custody of her parents pending a court date. Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci, P.O. William Christopher, and P.O. John Rafferty assisted with the vehicle stop, arrest, and investigation.

On November 6 at approximately 3:15 PM, Wyckoff officers were dispatched to the James A. McFaul Environmental Center on Crescent Avenue on a report that a juvenile was trapped in mud. Arriving officers found a 12-year-old female had wandered off the marked path and was stuck in mud up to her waist. Officers attempted to free the girl from the mud by pulling her out but were unsuccessful. The Wyckoff Fire Department responded to the scene and created a temporary walkway across the mud with plywood. They were then able to use shovels and free the girl from the mud. She was examined by the Wyckoff Ambulance Corps and found to be uninjured. She was released to the custody of her mother.

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.