



## Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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### **For Immediate Release:**

**On October 30, a citizen reported to Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci that she believed she was defrauded by a Wyckoff business owner. The subsequent investigation resulted in a charge of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree theft being filed against Cathy Johnson, Wood-Ridge NJ, age; 49. Johnson was charged on a summons and is scheduled to appear in court.**

**On November 25 at approximately 10:30 PM, Sgt. Mark Tagliareni was monitoring traffic on Route 208. He observed a vehicle travelling northbound with several equipment violations. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Maria Teresa Vera, Englewood NJ, age; 30. She was transported into headquarters and charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams. She was released pending a court date.**

**On November 27 at approximately 11:30 PM, P.O. Kyle Ferreira was monitoring traffic on Route 208. He observed a vehicle travelling southbound exceeding the posted speed limit. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of a 17 year old male from Cliffside Park, NJ. The juvenile was transported into headquarters and issued motor vehicle summonses for careless driving, possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle, and unclear license plates. The matter was forwarded to the Juvenile Bureau for follow up.**

**On November 28 at approximately 3:15 AM, P.O. Kyle Ferreira observed a vehicle being operated in a reckless manner on Wyckoff Avenue. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Lauren Michelle Bell, Bedford NY, age; 18. She was transported into headquarters and issued motor vehicle summonses for driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated under 21 years of age, reckless driving, failure to maintain a lane, and speeding. After processing, she was released to the custody of a friend. Her vehicle was impounded and held for 12 hours under John's Law.**

**The Wyckoff Police Department reminds residents that the upcoming Holiday Season brings with it an increase in criminal activity. Among those crimes are thefts of packages from front steps, porches, driveways, etc. These packages are often delivered while no one is home to accept them. Thieves will drive through neighborhoods looking for packages left outside and then seize the opportunity to take them. You can help your neighbors and us by immediately reporting any suspicious vehicles or persons in your neighborhood. Providing police communications with the most accurate description of persons and vehicles, including direction of travel, often assists us in locating the perpetrators and recovering stolen items.**

*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.*