



## Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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### **For Immediate Release:**

Wyckoff Police Chief David V. Murphy announced today the arrests of **Tony D Spells** (dob 12-23-1996) of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and **La'Quez Boyd** (dob 10-24-1997) of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; in connection with several motor vehicle burglaries and theft of items from within. The charges came about as a result of a cooperative investigation conducted by members of the Wyckoff Police Department, the Allendale Police Department, under the direction of Chief George Scherb, the Upper Saddle River Police Department, under the direction of Chief Patrick A. Rotella and the Bergen County Prosecutors Office under the direction of Prosecutor Gurbir S. Grewal.

On Monday, December 19, at approximately 9:05 AM, the Wyckoff Police Department was dispatched to the Wyckoff YMCA, 691 Wyckoff Avenue to take a report of several vehicles that had been burglarized and items contained within had been taken. Simultaneously, officers from the Allendale Police Department were attempting to stop a motor vehicle on Brookside Avenue for a violation when that vehicle failed to stop for the officers. As the vehicle was fleeing, the occupants were observed throwing items out of the window. The description of the fleeing

vehicle was given to surrounding towns. Wyckoff officers were able to match the vehicles description to surveillance footage obtained at the YMCA. The vehicle ultimately crashed in Upper Saddle River and the occupants fled on foot. After an extensive search, with the assistance of Allendale PD, Mahwah PD, Upper Saddle River PD, the Bergen County Sheriff's K-9 and other surrounding police departments, Spells and Boyd were located.

As a result, TONY D. SPELLS and LA QUEZ BOYD each have been charged criminally with Three (3) counts of Burglary in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:18-2A(1) and Three (3) counts of Theft in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3A. Bail has been issued for each at \$25,000.00 no 10% option by the Honorable Russel B. Teschon and both defendants were remanded to the Bergen County Jail. Additional charges have been issued by the Allendale and Upper Saddle River Police Departments.

Wyckoff Police Chief Murphy states that these charges are merely accusations and that the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Chief Murphy would like to thank all the assisting police agencies for their help in this investigation and arrest.

**Anyone with information regarding any additional or similar crimes that the above suspects may be involved with, are encouraged to contact the Wyckoff Police Department Detective Bureau at 201-891-2121 or the Upper Saddle River Police Department Detective Bureau at 201-327-2700.**

**Photos have been attached to assist in the identification.**

