



Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release:

On Sunday July 21, at approximately 1:30 AM, P.O. Michael Flim was on patrol in the area of Godwin Avenue and Franklin Avenue. He observed that the operator of a silver Nissan appeared to be having difficulty maintaining a lane of travel. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of John Hawkshead III, Waldwick NJ, age; 52. He was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, failure to maintain a lane, having unclear license plates, failure to exhibit registration and insurance documents, and driving while intoxicated in a school zone. After being processed, he was released to the custody of a family member. His vehicle was impounded and held for 12 hours under John's Law. P.O. Ryan Noon and P.O. Kenneth Marcoux assisted P.O. Flim with the arrest.

On Tuesday July 23, at approximately 10:00 AM, P.O. Robert Schlossberg observed the operator of a black Hyundai change lanes on Route 208 North without activating a turn signal. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Morris Pulver, Highland Mills NY, age; 24. He was transported into headquarters and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. He was issued motor vehicle summonses for failure to signal a turn, having unclear license plates, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. After processing, he was released from headquarters pending a court date. Sgt. Mark Tagliareni and P.O. Terrence Murphy assisted with the arrest.

On Thursday July 25, at approximately 1:30 PM, P.O. Kyle Ferreira and P.O. Michael Scalise were dispatched to a local bank on a report of someone attempting to cash a fraudulent check. Prior to the officer's arrival, the suspect had left the bank and was travelling on foot. The suspect attempted to hide from the officers in a wooded area but was found by the officers. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Kate Tripodi, Old Orchard Beach ME., age; 34. She was transported into headquarters and charged with forgery by altering a document, forgery by uttering a forged document, possession of a false government document, identity theft, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. After processing she was released from headquarters pending a court date. Chief David Murphy, Sgt. Brian Zivkovich, P.O. John Rafferty, and Midland Park officers assisted with quickly setting up a perimeter to apprehend Tripodi.

On Monday July 29, at approximately 10:00 PM, Sgt. Michael DeMaio, P.O. Michael Teegan, P.O. John Rafferty, and P.O. Michael Scalise were dispatched to the area of Wyckoff Avenue and Russell Avenue on a reported motor vehicle crash. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of the operator of one of the vehicles, Jerry Rodriguez, Nutley NJ, age; 49. Rodriguez was transported to a local hospital due to injuries sustained in the crash. He was charged assault by auto, possession of a controlled dangerous substance without a valid prescription, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance for purpose other than treatment. He was also issued motor vehicle summonses for driving while intoxicated, improper passing, failure to keep right, failure to wear a seatbelt, reckless driving, and possession of a controlled substance in a motor vehicle. He was released pending a court date.

On Thursday August 1, at approximately 12:00 PM, P.O. Robert Schlossberg was monitoring traffic on Route 208 North and Grandview Avenue. He observed the operator of a silver Mercury was travelling above the posted speed limit. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of a passenger, Aidan Dibernard, Port Jervis NY, age; 27. He was transported into headquarters and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. The driver was issued warnings for speeding, maintenance of lamps, and failure to change his address on his driver's license. After being processed, Dibernard was released from headquarters pending a court date. Sgt. Mark Tagliareni and P.O. Terrence Murphy assisted with the arrest.

On Friday August 2, at approximately 1:00 AM, P.O. Kyle Ferreira and P.O. Michael Teegan were dispatched to the scene of a motor vehicle crash on Cedar Hill Avenue. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Gates Councilor, Wyckoff NJ, age; 41. He was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage, failure to report an accident, failure to produce a driver's license, and failure to keep right. After being processed he was released to the custody of a friend. His vehicle was impounded and held

for twelve hours under John's Law. P.O. Michael Scalise assisted with the arrest.

On Sunday August 25, at approximately 11:30 PM, P.O. Kyle Ferreira observed a gray Jeep being operated in an erratic manner on Franklin Avenue. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Julienne Ricciardi-Weber, Wyckoff NJ, age; 27. She was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, speeding, having unclear license plates, and failure to maintain a lane of travel. After processing she was released to the custody of a friend. Her vehicle was impounded and held for twelve hours under John's Law. P.O. Michael Teegan and P.O. John Rafferty assisted with the arrest.

On Sunday September 1, at approximately 3:00 AM, Sgt. Michael DeMaio, P.O. Kyle Ferreira, and P.O. John Rafferty were dispatched to Wyckoff Avenue and Lafayette Avenue on a report of a motor vehicle crash. Upon their arrival, they observed that a gray Nissan had struck a utility pole causing the pole to split in half. The vehicle was heavily damaged by the impact and was unoccupied. An immediate search of the area was conducted by officers from Wyckoff Police, Midland Park Police, and Bergen County Sheriff's K9 for the occupant(s) of the vehicle. The subsequent investigation revealed that the operator of the vehicle had fled the scene prior to police arrival. The operator was identified as Darien Freda, Hawthorne NJ, age; 21. Freda was charged with failure to stop at a stop sign, reckless driving, careless driving, obstructing traffic, leaving the scene of an accident with property damage, failure to report an accident, failure to exhibit an insurance card, and operating an uninsured vehicle. He has a pending court date.

On Sunday September 1, at approximately 4:45 PM, P.O. Ryan Noon was dispatched to Mountain Avenue on a report of a motor vehicle crash. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Joseph Alderisio, Oakland NJ, age; 26. He was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated and reckless driving. After processing he was released from headquarters pending a court date. His vehicle was impounded and held for twelve hours under John's Law.

On Sunday September 1, at approximately 9:30 PM, P.O. Robert Schlossberg was monitoring traffic on Route 208 North at Grandview Avenue. He observed a black Nissan travelling above the posted speed limit. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Kilvin Rodriguez, Ellenville NY, age; 25. He was transported into headquarters and charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams. He was also issued a motor vehicle summons for driving with a suspended license. He was also found to have an outstanding traffic warrant from Newark NJ. Bail was posted for the Newark warrant and after processing he was released from custody pending a court date. Sgt. Mark Tagliareni and P.O. Terrence Murphy assisted with the arrest.

On Monday September 2 a resident of Robin Place reported that her wallet was stolen from her unlocked vehicle sometime during the evening. A second resident on Sparrowbush Road reported that her unlocked vehicle was entered overnight but nothing was reported missing at the time of this report. The reports were forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

The Wyckoff Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents to lock your cars at night, remove all valuables from them, and secure the key fob inside your home. Many vehicle are reported entered and or stolen during the overnight hours in our immediate area. Most, if not all of those cars were left unlocked with the key fob inside. Video footage captured of these brazen acts have revealed that if your car is locked, the thieves will simply move on until they find an unlocked car. Do not make yourself an easy victim, LOCK YOUR CAR AND SECURE YOUR KEYS.

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.



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New School Year Driver Awareness Reminder

The new school year has started. Now would be a good time to remind everyone of some things that come with the new school year.

- Younger children are more likely to be excited to see their friends, meet their new teachers, and get their seats in freshly decorated classrooms. Younger children are also more likely to make mistakes around roads.
- Many children will be starting new schools.
 - They will be learning new walking paths, either to the school or to a bus stop
 - They may not have given themselves enough time on the new route, and will be hurrying.
 - Their parents will be learning new driving patterns at an unfamiliar school.
- Older, high school children may be driving their own cars to school for the first time, also struggling with new traffic routes, congested school zones, and even more congested and confusing parking lots.
- Some schools have made adjustments to their drop-off or pick-up zones.
- All of this can have a ripple-effect to other drivers who will be coping with the actions, inactions, or bad actions of children and drivers.

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone to be especially aware as they operate their personal vehicles and work vehicles. The next couple of weeks can be challenging. Please:

- Watch your speed. A couple of mph faster will not make a real difference in your arrival time
- Scan sidewalks and parked cars for signs of movement
- Keep a safe following distance. Even if you anticipated something, the driver in front of you may not be as alert as you are.
- Be particularly alert at intersections. Practice 'covering your brake' when called for.

Let's have a safe year!

Respectfully,

Chief David Murphy
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