



## Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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### **For Immediate Release:**

**On August 28, at 9:37 AM, Officer Michael Flim was dispatched to a home on Timberline Drive to take a report from a contractor who reported his construction trailer was forcibly entered and several tools were reported missing. A subsequent investigation conducted by Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci along with Detectives from Mahwah and Franklin Lakes, who had similar reported thefts, resulted in the arrest of Brian A. Hoeverman, Franklin Lakes, age; 36. The arrest of Hoeverman also revealed that he was responsible for a second incident in Wyckoff involving the theft of construction tools. He was charged with 2 counts of burglary and theft, and is scheduled to appear in court.**

**On September 5, at 7:15 PM, Officer Michael Scalise responded to the scene of a motor vehicle crash with reported injuries on Franklin Avenue at Van Blarcom Lane. During the investigation, officers determined that one of the drivers appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. Vincenzo Trifilio, Waldwick, age; 38 was placed under arrest and charged with assault by auto, being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance without a valid prescription, driving while intoxicated, careless driving, reckless driving, and failure to observe marked traffic lanes. He was released from custody to a family member and is scheduled to appear in court. Assisting in the investigation was Sgt. Daniel Kellogg, P.O. William Plisich, P.O. Kyle Ferreira, and P.O. Robert Schlossberg.**

**On September 12, at 2:30 AM, Officer Robert Schlossberg observed a suspicious male in the area of 322 Franklin Avenue. While investigating Officer Schlossberg determined that the male subject had provided him with a fictitious name. Further investigation determined the individual was Brian Rafine, Leesburg NJ, age; 36. Several active warrants from Cumberland County NJ were located for Rafine. Once being advised that he was being placed under arrest, Rafine resisted and after a brief foot pursuit was taken into custody. He was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, hindering arrest by providing false information to law enforcement, possession with intent to use or sell hypodermic syringes, resisting arrest, and being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance without a prescription. He was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in court. Sgt. Daniel Kellogg, Officer William Plisich, and Officer Michael Flim assisted in the investigation.**

**On September 17, at 5:18 PM, Officer Kyle Ferreira was observing traffic conditions in the area of Sicomac Avenue and Cedar Hill Avenue when he observed a vehicle fail to yield to an approaching school bus. Officer Ferreira stopped the vehicle and subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Edward J. Rao, Hawthorne, age; 53. He was charged with driving while intoxicated, consumption of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle, reckless driving, following too closely, improper use of horn, failure to observe a stop sign, and no front license plate. Rao was released to a family member and is scheduled to appear in court. Officer William Plisich and Officer James Bakelaar assisted in the investigation.**

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.”