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For Immediate Release:

On Saturday December 16, at approximately 3:15 PM, P.O. Michael Flim took a report from a resident concerning fraudulent activity on her credit card account. The resident reported that she had hired a nanny to care for her children and suspected that the nanny may be responsible for the fraudulent credit card activity. The matter was turned over to the Detective Bureau for further investigation. The subsequent investigation resulted in Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci charging Grace E. Kloby, Fair Lawn NJ, age; 26 with a 3rd degree theft charge. Kloby surrendered herself to Sgt. Ragucci, was processed and released from headquarters. She is scheduled to appear in court.

On Monday December 18, at approximately 1:40 AM, Sgt. Mark Tagliareni was assigned to roving DWI patrol. He came upon an occupied vehicle parked in the lot of the Wyckoff Reformed Church. While speaking with the driver, Sgt. Tagliareni observed that he exhibited signs consistent with being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Colin J. Ortiz, Mahwah NJ, age; 33. Ortiz was transported to headquarters where further testing was conducted. He was charged with driving while intoxicated and driving while intoxicated in a school zone. He was processed, released to a family member, and is scheduled to appear in court. His vehicle was impounded under John's Law. P.O. Bakelaar, P.O. Rafferty, and P.O. Maglione assisted Sgt. Tagliareni.

On Friday December 22, at approximately 9:00 AM, P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione was dispatched to several reports concerning the thefts of Holiday gifts left for sanitation workers. The callers all reported that they left cash in envelopes attached to their trash cans. One of the

victims reported that her home's surveillance system captured video of the vehicle and actors involved. While reviewing the video, the vehicle could clearly be seen approaching a trash can at the curb. The front seat passenger leaned out of the window, removed the envelope, and the vehicle continued down the street. The vehicle was identified as an older Toyota Yaris, color blue. A photo of the car was posted on the Wyckoff Police Facebook page in attempts to elicit assistance from the public in identifying the vehicle and actors. The photo was also sent to other police agencies through a police information sharing network. Det. Sgt. Kevin Kasak received a call from a Detective from the West Milford NJ Police. The West Milford Detective advised Sgt. Kasak that he was investigating similar thefts in his jurisdiction that occurred on the same day and with the same vehicle. West Milford Police had conducted a motor vehicle stop on a blue Toyota Yaris on the same date as the thefts for an unrelated motor vehicle offense. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrests of Roger L. Loder, Hewitt NJ, age; 54 and Brien L. Loder, Hewitt NJ, age; 28. On December 29, Roger Loder surrendered himself to Sgt. Kasak at headquarters. He was charged with theft, processed, and released from headquarters. Loder advised that his son Brien had left the State and was expected to return. Sgt. Kasak served Roger with Brien's criminal complaint also charging him with theft. The Wyckoff Police would like to thank the West Milford Police Department for their assistance as well as the citizens who responded through social media to provide information.

The Wyckoff Police Department would like to remind all residents and business owners of the following snow removal ordinances:

Township Code 165-1:

The owner or owners, tenant or tenants of any lands abutting upon the public streets of the Township of Wyckoff shall remove all snow and ice from the abutting sidewalks of such public streets within 12 hours of daylight after the same shall fall or be formed thereon.

Township Code 165-1.1

The operator of any snowplow, or other snow removal equipment, clearing accumulated snow on private property shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, such snow on any public road, street or highway, sidewalk, public right-of-way, or on private property other than the property on which the snow had accumulated. An operator of any snowplow or other snow removal equipment who fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be liable for a fine of \$250 for the first offense, and for each subsequent offense, a fine of \$500.

Township Code 165-5

Any such owner or owners, tenant or tenants of any lands abutting upon sidewalks of the public streets of the Township of Wyckoff who shall neglect or refuse to remove all snow, ice, grass, weeds, leaves, or other impediments therefrom as aforesaid and as required by the provisions of §§ 165-1 and 165-2 shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or both.

NJ Motor Vehicle Law Title 39:4-77.1 states:

39:4-77.1 FAIL TO REMOVE ICE/SNOW FROM VEHICLE



All MOTORISTS shall remove all ice and snow from their vehicle before driving, especially from the hood, windows, and roof. It is the law in New Jersey. Motorists who fail to do so face fines of \$25 to \$75 for each offense, regardless of whether the ice and snow is dislodged from the vehicle. If flying ice or snow causes property damage or injury to others, motorists face fines of \$200 to \$1000 for each offense.

39:4-77.1. Snow, ice dislodged from moving vehicle causing injury, property damage; penalties

1. When snow or ice is dislodged from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing injury or property damage, the following penalties shall apply:

The operator of a non-commercial motor vehicle shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$1,000 for each offense.

The operator, owner, lessee, bailee or any one of the aforesaid of a commercial motor vehicle shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,500 for each offense.

No motor vehicle points or automobile insurance eligibility points pursuant to section 26 of P.L.1990, c.8 (C.17:33B-14) shall be assessed for this offense.

L.1997.c.124.s.1.

For the safety of all motorists and pedestrians, please be sure to abide by the above codes and law. Together, we can work to reduce accidents and injuries, resulting in a safer community for our residents, visitors, and those travelling through.

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.