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For Immediate Release:

On November 21, 2018 at approximately 3:30 PM, P.O. Joseph Fullam took a report of a shoplifting from a local business. The approximate value of the shoplifted items was \$343.00. The matter was turned over to the detective bureau for further investigation. Det. Sgt. Ragucci identified the shoplifter as Samantha Conforth, Clifton NJ, age; 28. She was charged with one count of shoplifting and is scheduled to appear in court.

On December 6, 2018 at approximately 4:30 AM, an alert citizen advised the police department of suspicious activity at a local auto repair business. P.O. Michael Teegan responded to the scene and observed two individuals loading scrap metal auto parts from a dumpster into the back of a rental truck. It was determined that the men did not have permission to remove the items from the business. They were also found to be in possession of marijuana. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrests of Steven Antonio Vargas, Paterson NJ, age; 18 and Nicholas Carrasquillofelix, Paterson NJ, age; 23. Both men were transported into headquarters and charged with one count of possession of marijuana under 50 grams, and one count of possession of narcotics paraphernalia. Carrasquillofelix was found to have an active warrant from Hudson County, NJ and was released to their custody. The business declined to sign complaints for the stolen scrap metal, which was returned to them.

On December 8, 2018 at approximately 12:15 AM, P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione was on patrol when she observed a vehicle enter a gas station that was under renovation and closed. While checking on the vehicle, she determined that the registration was expired. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Todd McGreger, Saint Albans NY, age; 28. McGreger was transported into headquarters and charged with being in possession of marijuana under 50 grams. He was released from custody pending a court date.

On December 8, 2018 at approximately 11:20 AM, P.O. Kyle Ferreira observed a silver sedan travelling at a high rate of speed on Route 208 North. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Tevin L. Johnson, Syracuse NY, age; 23. Johnson was transported into headquarters and charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was also was issued a motor vehicle summons for having an obstructed view. After processing, he was released from headquarters pending a court date.

Chief Murphy would like to take this time to remind all residents of the Township Ordinance regarding snow removal. Ordinance 165-1 and 165-1.1 state the following:

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.

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, highway, sidewalk, public right of way, or on private property other than the property on which the snow had accumulated.

Please remember that the Township DPW works hard to keep the roadways clear during a snowstorm. Putting snow back into the roadway, not only violates the ordinance, but creates a safety hazard for your friends and neighbors.

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.