



## Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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### **For Immediate Release:**

**On July 20, 2018 at approximately 7:00 PM, P.O. Michael Scalise was dispatched to a James Way address to take a report of stolen packages from the front porch. Upon his arrival, the victim advised him that he had surveillance video of the actor taking the package and running away from his house. While investigating, P.O. Scalise observed a male juvenile at a nearby residence who matched the description provided by the victim. Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci responded to the location to assist with the investigation. While speaking with the juvenile and his parent, it was discovered that he took packages that were delivered to approximately six homes in the neighborhood. All of the packages were recovered at the home of the juvenile and returned to their rightful owners. A juvenile complaint charging the juvenile with theft of moveable property was prepared and forwarded to Superior Court, Family Part, for disposition.**

**On July 18, 2018 a defendant was found guilty in Wyckoff Municipal Court for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. A conviction of this crime requires the defendant to provide a DNA sample. Several appointments were made with the defendant to appear at police headquarters to provide the required sample. She failed to appear for each appointment and phone calls to her went unanswered. On August 1, 2018 Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci charged Valerie S. Joyner, Wanaque NJ, age; 27 with refusal to submit to a DNA swabbing, a fourth degree crime. A complaint summons was mailed to her last known address.**

**On August 3, 2018 at approximately 12:45 AM, P.O. Michael Flim was observing traffic on Route 208 North at Grandview Avenue. He observed a white Toyota Corolla that abruptly changed lanes upon seeing the patrol vehicle. P.O. Flim followed the vehicle, which exited the highway at Cedar Hill Avenue. He continued to follow it as it re-entered the highway northbound from Grandview Avenue. As he followed the vehicle, he noted several motor vehicle violations were committed by the driver. He stopped the vehicle on Route 208 North in the area of Ewing Avenue. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Joel Sohan, Oakland NJ, age; 20. He was transported into headquarters where he was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. He was also issued summonses for failure to maintain a lane, failure to exhibit registration, failure to exhibit insurance, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. After processing he was released from headquarters and is scheduled to appear in court. P.O. Kenneth Marcoux assisted with the arrest.**

**On August 5, 2018, at approximately 1:00 AM, P.O. Kyle Ferreira was patrolling in the area of Goffle Road when he observed a black Ram pickup in the parking lot of a local business that was closed. He observed two individuals standing next to the truck and when he approached, one of the individuals fled on foot. The second individual entered the truck while the officer approached. While speaking with the occupant of the truck, P.O. Ferreira detected an odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Andrew Alberg, Franklin Lakes, age; 20. Alberg was transported into headquarters where he was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams, possession of narcotics paraphernalia and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. He was processed and released from headquarters and is scheduled to appear in court. The identity of the second person was not able to be ascertained. P.O. Michael Flim and P.O. Kenneth Marcoux assisted with the arrest.**

**On August 6, 2018 an employee of a local business came into headquarters to report that \$1100.00 was stolen from his locked vehicle. He stated that the money was in an envelope in his glove box and it was to be used for an upcoming vacation. The employee reported that the only person that knew the money was in the car was a co-worker of his. Det. Sgt. Kevin Kasak conducted the investigation which resulted in the arrest of Mark A. Nether, Paterson NJ, age; 30. Nether was charged with one count each of burglary and theft. He was processed and released from headquarters pending a court date.**

**On August 9, 2018, at approximately 11:00 PM, P.O. Joseph Fullam responded to Ridgewood Avenue and Lynch Place to assist a Hawthorne Police Officer. The Hawthorne officer had been flagged down by a passing motorist who reported that a silver Chevrolet Impala was being operated in an erratic manner. The Hawthorne officer stopped the vehicle in Wyckoff. Upon P.O. Fullam's arrival, he detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Donna M. Knapp, Hawthorne NJ, age; 57. She was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, and reckless driving. After processing she was released to a family member pending a court date. Her vehicle was impounded and held for 12 hours under John's Law. P.O. William Plisich and P.O. Michael Teegan assisted with the arrest.**

**On August 15, 2018 at approximately 3:15 PM, P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione observed a vehicle travelling on Monroe Avenue in excess of the posted speed limit. She stopped the vehicle on Russell Avenue near Stony Brook Lane. While speaking with the driver, she detected a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Nicholas Garcia-Morales, Suffern NY, age; 26. Garcia-Morales was transported into headquarters where he was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, speeding, and improper display of license plates. After processing, he was released from headquarters pending a court date. Sgt. Thomas Tully and P.O. James Bakelaar assisted with the arrest.**

*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.*

