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For Immediate Release:

On Friday January 13, at approximately 4:45 PM, Sgt. Brian Zivkovich received a radio alert about an erratic driver on Route 208 South. The vehicle, a white Chevrolet Van, exited the highway at Cedar Hill Avenue. Sgt. Zivkovich located the van, and after observing the erratic driving, stopped it on Wyckoff Avenue. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Ryan A. Volker, Mahwah NJ, age; 64. He was transported into headquarters and charged with three counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance. He was issued motor vehicle summonses for driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated in a school zone, failure to maintain a lane, failure to keep right, reckless driving, unclear plates, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. After processing he was released to a family member pending a court date. The van was impounded and held for twelve hours under John's Law. P.O. Ryan Noon, P.O. Michael Flim, and P.O. Kenneth Marcoux assisted with the arrest.

On Wednesday January 23, at approximately 3:10 PM, P.O. Ryan Noon and P.O. Kevin Oldewurtel observed a silver Nissan travelling south on Goffle Road. The Nissan displayed an equipment violation and was stopped near Ravine Avenue. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Tyron Thompson, Paterson NJ, age; 29. He was transported into headquarters and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. He was also issued motor vehicle summonses for having improper safety glass and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. After processing, he was released from headquarters pending a court date. Sgt. Daniel Kellogg, P.O. Michael Flim, and P.O. Kenneth Marcoux assisted with the arrest.

On Wednesday January 31, at approximately 3:15 PM, Wyckoff Police were dispatched to the area of Village Place on a report of a suspicious vehicle. Sgt. Kevin Pinches and P.O. Kevin Oldewurtel located the vehicle, a black Ford Expedition, and conducted a traffic stop. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of the driver, a male juvenile, Wyckoff NJ, age; 17 and passenger, a male juvenile, Wyckoff NJ; age 17. Both juveniles were transported into headquarters and released to the custody of a legal guardian. Juvenile Delinquency Complaints were issued to both charging them with possession of marijuana under 50 grams and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. The complaints were forwarded to the Bergen County Superior Court / Family Part for disposition. P.O. James Bakelaar assisted with the arrest.

On Wednesday January 31, at approximately 9:45 PM, P.O. Michael Flim observed a beige Toyota travelling on Franklin Avenue. The ALPR (Automatic License Plate Reader) in P.O. Flim's patrol vehicle advised that the Toyota's registration was suspended. After confirming with dispatch that the information was accurate, he stopped the vehicle on Godwin Avenue. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Brian Prendergast, Ramsey NJ, age; 58. He was transported into headquarters and issued motor vehicle summonses for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, unclear plates, suspended registration, expired insurance card, consumption of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle, possession of open alcoholic beverages in a motor vehicle, and refusal to consent to breath tests. After processing, he was released to the custody of a friend pending a court date. His vehicle was impounded and held for twelve hours under John's Law. P.O. Ryan Noon assisted with the arrest.

On Friday February 1, at approximately 11:40 PM, Wyckoff Police were advised of an erratic driver in the area of Franklin Avenue and Wyckoff Avenue. P.O. Michael Flim observed the vehicle, a silver Hyundai, travelling on Wyckoff Avenue. He followed the Hyundai as it turned onto Russell Avenue and observed the driver drift from the right lane and completely enter the lane of oncoming traffic. He immediately conducted a traffic stop to ensure the safety of the driver and others on the road. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Patricia Morales, Oakland NJ, age; 26. She was transported into headquarters and was issued motor vehicle summonses for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, failure to maintain a lane, expired insurance card, use of a cell phone while driving, and refusal to consent to breath tests. After processing she was released to a family member pending a court date. Her vehicle was impounded and held for twelve hours under John's Law. Sgt. Daniel Kellogg, P.O. Ryan Tenney, and P.O. Ryan Noon assisted with the arrest.

On February 7, at approximately 12:30 PM, Wyckoff Police were dispatched to a local business on a report of a shoplifting in progress. Responding officers were advised that the subject had entered the store and reached behind the counter, grabbing plastic shopping bags. She was then observed placing merchandise into the bags and exiting the store. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Patrice Bushey, Ramsey NJ, age; 64. She was transported into headquarters and charged with one count of shoplifting. After processing, she was released from custody pending a court date. Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci, Det. Sgt. Kevin Kasak, Sgt. Michael DeMaio, P.O. Kyle Ferreira, P.O. Michael Scalise, and P.O. Kevin Oldewurtel assisted with the arrest.

On February 9, at approximately 2:40 PM, an off duty police officer from another jurisdiction contacted communications to report a shoplifting in progress at a local business. The officer reported that he observed two males place clothing and other items inside of a bag and exit the store without paying for the merchandise. Upon exiting the store, the two males split up and walked in separate directions. The officer followed the male with the bag until Wyckoff officers arrived on the scene. The suspect attempted to hide from the officers but was detained without incident. Jose A Guzman, Union City NJ, age; 28 was placed under arrest and transported into headquarters. He was charged with 3rd degree shoplifting, processed, and released pending a court date. The second suspect was unable to be located. The shoplifted items, valued at \$1,125.66 were recovered. The “booster bag”, commonly used to defeat retail theft deterrent devices, was also recovered and seized. Sgt. Mark Tagliareni, P.O. Terrence Murphy, P.O. Robert Schlossberg, and P.O. Joseph Fullam assisted with the arrest.

With snow in the forecast for this week, Chief Murphy would like to take this time to remind motorists that motor vehicle laws under Title 39:4-77.1, require that snow and ice be removed from vehicles prior to operation. This includes, but is not limited to, the hood, trunk, windshield, windows and roof. If stopped for a violation of this law, you can be fined between \$25.00 and \$75.00, plus court fees. If snow or ice becomes dislodged from your vehicle and cause injury of property damage, you will be subject to a fine of not less than \$200.00 or more than \$1,000 for each offense. Working together, we can all do our part to increase safety on our roadways.

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.

