



## Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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### **For Immediate Release:**

**On Wednesday May 22 at approximately 5:00 PM, P.O. William Christopher was dispatched to the Boulder Run Shopping Center on a report of a minor motor vehicle crash. Upon his arrival, P.O. Christopher discovered that a vehicle involved in the crash had been reported stolen in Albany NY. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrests of Anthony Thomas, Bronx NY, age; 30; Cory Thomas, Albany NY, age; 27; and Sade R. Maynor, Bronx NY, age; 29. They were each charged with receiving stolen property. Anthony Thomas and Cory Thomas were remanded to the Bergen County Jail and Maynor was released from headquarters pending a court date.**

**On June 2 at approximately 9 PM, P.O. Kyle Ferreira was patrolling in the Boulder Run Shopping Center. He observed a black Hyundai being operated in a careless manner in the parking lot prior to exiting onto Franklin Avenue. He followed the vehicle and observed that the erratic driving continued. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Olivia Marri, Fair Lawn NJ, age; 21. Marri was transported into headquarters and charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was also issued motor vehicle summonses for failure to maintain a lane of travel, unclear license plates, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. She was released from headquarters pending a court date.**

**On June 20, Det. Sgt. Kevin Kasak concluded a fraud investigation that was initially reported in April. A Wyckoff resident reported fraudulent charges on her credit card that began after she made a purchase at a medical office in Paramus. With assistance from the medical office, Sgt. Kasak was able to identify a possible suspect. The subsequent investigation resulted in charges being filed against Linda M. Valentin, Paterson NJ, age; 29. Valentin was charged with two counts of theft, one count of computer criminal activity, one count of credit card theft, and one count of fraudulent use of a credit card. She is scheduled to appear in court at a later date to answer the charges against her.**

**On June 22 at approximately 7:30 PM, Wyckoff Patrol units were dispatched to a local business on a report of a shoplifting in progress. Upon arriving, the officers observed that store personnel were detaining the suspect. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of David Baumeister, Wyckoff NJ, age; 48. He was transported into headquarters and charged with one count each of shoplifting and defiant trespassing. He was released from headquarters pending a court date. P.O. Michael Flim, P.O. Kenneth Marcoux, P.O. Ryan Tenney, and Sgt. Daniel Kellogg assisted with the arrest.**

**On June 24 at approximately 11:00 PM, P.O. James Bakelaar and P.O. William Plisich were dispatched to area of Colgate Avenue for a suspicious vehicle parked in the street. The officers observed a black Subaru parked in the roadway and made contact with the driver. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Vincent Speranza, Hawthorne NJ, age; 33. He was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, failure to possess an insurance card, failure to possess a registration card, and improper parking. He was released from headquarters to the custody of a family member. His vehicle was impounded and held for 12 hours under John's Law**

**On June 29 at approximately 1:45 AM, P.O. Kevin Oldewurtel was conducting a security check on a vacant house. He observed signs of forced entry into the home and investigated further. He and P.O. William Plisich observed personal effects in the house with identification tags on them. The subsequent investigation resulted in an arrest warrant being issued for burglary and criminal trespass against Peter McElkenny, Oakland NJ, age; 43. On July 11 he was taken into custody by the Oakland Police Department and transferred to Wyckoff Headquarters. After processing, he was remanded to the Bergen County Jail pending a court date. Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci and Det. Sgt. Kevin Kasak assisted with the investigation.**

**On July 7 at approximately 8 PM, P.O. Robert Schlossberg was monitoring traffic on Route 208 at Grandview Avenue. He observed a green Ford F-150 pass his location travelling at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrests of the driver, Richard Hill, Goshen NY, age; 34 and his passenger, John Hill, Goshen NY, age; 33. Both men were transported into headquarters and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and possession of Suboxone. Richard was issued motor vehicle summonses for speeding and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. After being processed, they were released from custody pending a court date.**

**The Wyckoff Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents to lock your cars at night, remove all valuables from them, and secure the key fob inside your home. Many vehicle are reported entered and or stolen during the overnight hours in our immediate area. Most, if not all of those cars were left unlocked with the key fob inside. Video footage captured of these brazen acts has revealed that if your car is locked, the thieves will simply move on until they find an unlocked car. Do not make yourself an easy victim, LOCK YOUR CAR AND SECURE YOUR KEYS.**

*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.*

