



Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release:

On January 9, at approximately 5:10 PM, P.O. Joseph Benanti responded to Russell Farm's Park on a report of vehicle burglaries. Two separate vehicle owners reported that they parked their cars in the lot and walked through the park. Upon returning to their vehicles, they discovered that the front passenger side windows of both vehicles had been shattered. Their purses, which had been left in plain view on the front passenger seat, had been removed. While speaking with the victims, one of them advised P.O. Benanti that she received notification of a fraudulent transaction attempt on one of her stolen credit cards. The matter has been turned over to the detective bureau for further investigation.

On January 9, at approximately 5:30 PM, P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione responded to Walgreen's on Wyckoff Avenue on a reported burglary to a vehicle. The owner of the vehicle had exited the store and discovered that her front passenger side window had been broken and her purse, which had been left in plain view, was removed from the passenger seat. The investigation has been turned over to the detective bureau for further investigation.

On January 11, at approximately 7:10 PM, a resident of Clinton Avenue reported their vehicle was stolen from their driveway. P.O. Kenneth Marcoux responded to the address. He was advised by the owner that she parked her 2021 Mercedes in the driveway approximately twenty minutes prior to the theft. She left her purse and key fob in the vehicle. Video surveillance from the home showed the actor enter the vehicle and drive away. On 1/12, the Mercedes was recovered by the Irvington, NJ Police Department. The detective bureau is investigating.

On January 17, at approximately 6:00 PM, P.O. Joseph Benanti responded to a business on Cedar Hill Avenue on a reported burglary. The business owner reported that cash had been removed from a locked desk drawer in his office. The Bergen County Sheriff's Office Bureau of Criminal Identification and Det. Sgt. Mark Tagliareni responded to the scene to investigate. The detective bureau is handling the investigation.

On January 21, at approximately 11:00 AM, P.O. Robert Schlossberg observed a white Ford Escape travelling on Route 208 North. He noted that the Escape had a large amount of snow and ice on it. He stopped the vehicle to address the violation and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrests of Charles Petro, Greenwood Lake, N.Y., age; 60 and Dino Gioffre, Greenwood Lake, N.Y., age; 30. Petro was charged with possession of a hypodermic needle and Gioffre was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. Gioffre was also found to have an outstanding warrant from the Maywood, NJ Police Department. After processing, both were transported to the Bergen County Jail.

On January 24, at approximately 4:45 AM, Sgt. Ryan Tenney, P.O. Michael Scalise, and P.O. Kevin Oldewurtel responded to the Sicomac Pharmacy on a reported burglar alarm. Upon their arrival, they observed that the front door glass had been shattered. After securing the business, they confirmed that a burglary had occurred. The detective bureau is investigating.

On January 26, at approximately 3:10 PM, a resident of Sicomac Avenue reported that his 2018 Range Rover had been stolen from his driveway. Sgt. Kevin Pinches, P.O. Robert Schlossberg, and P.O. Kyle Scherm responded to investigate. The owner advised the officers that he had parked the vehicle in his driveway at approximately 1:00. The vehicle was left unlocked with the key fob inside of it. On January 27, Newark NJ Police advised that they recovered the vehicle.

On January 27, at approximately 1:20 PM, a bank on Franklin Avenue reported that a person was attempting to make a fraudulent transaction. Sgt. Kevin Pinches and P.O. Kyle Scherm responded to the scene and observed the male suspect fleeing the bank. After a brief foot pursuit, Junior Robles, Bronx NY, age; 26 was taken into custody. He was charged with criminal attempt to commit forgery, possession of the personal information of another, and exhibiting a false government document as proof of identity. He was processed and sent to the Bergen County Jail.

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.