



## Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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### **For Immediate Release:**

On September 23, at 8:51pm, Officer Joseph Fullam was called to assist a motorist that was lost and in need of assistance on Grandview Avenue. Upon investigation, Officer Fullam determined the driver to be impaired and arrested, Richard A Matronich, Budd Lake, age 36; for driving while intoxicated. Following a breath test at headquarters, it was determined that he was allegedly under the influence of something other than alcohol. A drug recognition expert was contacted to respond and perform tests. Mr Matronich was charged with driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated in a school zone and reckless driving. He was released to his mother in law and will appear in municipal court. Sergeant Michael DeMaio and Officer William Christopher assisted.

On September 27, at 3:08pm, Officer James Bakelaar was dispatched to a motor vehicle crash on State Highway Route 208 South. Upon investigation of the crash, Officer Bakelaar detected the odor of marijuana emanating from one of the driver's and as a result of locating the marijuana, he arrested, Deon D Goodwin, Paterson, age 18. He was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of cds in a motor vehicle. He was released and is scheduled to appear in municipal court. Sergeant Brian Zivkovich assisted.

On September 29, at 7:52pm, Officer James Bakelaar was checking on a disabled vehicle stopped on the shoulder of the roadway on State Highway Route 208 North. Upon investigation, he determined that the driver of the vehicle's license was suspended as well as he had several active warrants. Further investigation led to the arrest of Robert E Schaum, Franklin Lakes, age 48. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while suspended. Once processed, he was turned over to the Westwood Police Department who transported him to Bergen County Jail in default of his bail on their warrant. He is scheduled to appear in municipal court. Sergeant Mark Tagliareni, Officer Kevin Pinches and Officer Kenneth Marcoux assisted.

On October 2, at 3:24pm, Officer Kenneth Marcoux was patrolling Franklin Avenue when he was flagged down by a woman standing near the roadway at the intersection of Monroe Avenue. The woman pointed out a vehicle stopped in the lane of travel with the driver sleeping. Officer Marcoux approached the vehicle and observed through the closed window that the male driver was sleeping with his hands on the steering wheel and foot on the brake. The vehicle was running, keys were in the ignition and the vehicle was in drive. He was able to safely awaken the driver. Once speaking with him, he detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the driver. Subsequently, he arrested, Fausto E Mancero, Haledon, age 46. He was charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and delaying traffic. He was released to a family member and is scheduled to appear in municipal court. Sergeant Michael DeMaio and Officer Ryan Tenney assisted.

Sometime during the overnight hours between Sunday, October 2, 2016 and Monday, October 3, 2016, approximately 50 headstones were toppled over in the Wyckoff Reformed Cemetery, located at 580 Wyckoff Avenue. Many of the tombstones were found broken as a result of being toppled over. The church staff has estimated the cost to upright, repair and restore the damaged stones to be in upwards of \$10,000. Most of the toppled stones were over 100 years old. The matter is currently under investigation by the Wyckoff Police Department Detective Bureau, headed by Detective Sergeant Joseph Soto. If anyone has any information about this incident, we urge you to please contact the Wyckoff Police Detective Bureau at 201-891-2121.

On a personal note, I am saddened to see such disrespect being shown to a very special place in our community and for the emotional cost to the families of those who are buried.

On October 6, at 5:26pm, Sergeant Mark Tagliareni was dispatched to the Stop and Shop Store, 327 Franklin Avenue, on a report of a shoplifter in custody. Upon his arrival, he was advised by store security that a male had attempted to remove 21 bags of frozen shrimp from the store, valued at \$510.00. While attempting to do this, the male forcefully attempted to push his way through store staff that confronted him. Officer Tagliareni subsequently arrested Roy V Schmitt, North Haledon, age 33. He was charged with robbery and shoplifting. Further investigation by Detective Sergeant Soto and Ragucci led to an additional charge of shoplifting resulting from an incident in September at the same store involving Schmitt. He was transported to Bergen County Jail in default of his \$20,000.00 bail. He is scheduled to appear in court. Sergeant Thomas Tully assisted.

“The Wyckoff Police Department would like to point out that these individuals have been charged with a crime, offense, and/or motor vehicle violation. However, they are presumed innocent unless and until they are found guilty in a court of law.”