



Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release:

On Thursday October 18, at approximately 11:20 PM, P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione observed a vehicle parked in the cul-de-sac on Helena Avenue. The vehicle was running with the headlights and hazard lights both activated. As she approached the vehicle, she observed a male party sleeping in the driver's seat. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Oscar Garcia-Sanchez, Mt. Arlington NJ, age; 33. He was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while under the influence, reckless driving, and having an obstructed view. After being processed, he was released to the custody of a family member pending a court date. His vehicle was impounded and held for twelve hours under John's Law. P.O. Maglione was assisted by Sgt. Kevin Pinches and P.O. Jim Bakelaar.

On Monday October 22, at approximately 9:40 PM, P.O. Kyle Ferreira was observing traffic in the area of Route 208 North and Grandview Avenue. He observed a grey SUV travelling at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was conducted and resulted in the arrest of Jack P. August, Ramsey NJ, age; 21. August was transported into headquarters where he was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of hypodermic syringes, and concealing evidence to hinder apprehension. August was also found to have an active warrant from Passaic County NJ. After processing, he was transported to the Bergen County Jail pending a court date. Sgt. Michael DeMaio, P.O. Michael Flim, and P.O. Ken Marcoux assisted P.O. Ferreira.

On Wednesday October 24, at approximately 4:10 PM, P.O. William Christopher was dispatched to the area of Wyckoff Avenue and Franklin Avenue on a report of an erratic driver. P.O. Christopher followed the vehicle on Franklin Avenue and observed that the driver was having difficulty navigating the marked lanes of travel. A motor vehicle stop was conducted and resulted in the arrest of John Shoretz, Midland Park NJ, age; 56. He was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, driving while intoxicated in a school zone, failure to observe traffic lanes, and refusal to submit to testing. After processing he was released to a family member pending a court date. His vehicle was impounded and held for twelve hours under John's Law. Sgt. Brian Zivkovich and Sgt. Mark Tagliareni assisted P.O. Christopher.

On Friday October 26, at approximately 3:15 AM, P.O. Kyle Ferreira was observing traffic on Route 208 North and Grandview Avenue. He observed a white sedan pass his location that was straddling the marked lanes on the highway. As he followed the vehicle, he noted that the driver was having difficulty maintaining a lane of travel. A motor vehicle stop was conducted and resulted in the arrests of the driver, Emma E. Chelstowski, Fair Lawn NJ, age; 22 and passenger, Gabriella M. Ilaria, Nutley NJ, age; 25. Both were transported into headquarters, processed and charged. Chelstowski was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. Ilaria was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, failure to maintain a lane, failure to keep right, unclear license plates, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. Both parties were released from headquarters pending a court date. Sgt. Michael DeMaio and P.O. Michael Flim assisted with the arrests.

On Saturday November 7 at approximately 7:40 PM, Sgt. Mark Tagliareni was patrolling when he observed a vehicle parked in a remote location in the rear of a church on Russell Avenue. He approached the vehicle to speak with the occupants. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of a male juvenile. The juvenile was transported into headquarters and released to his parents. Juvenile Delinquency Complaints were later prepared charging him 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. Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci assisted Sgt. Tagliareni.

On Sunday November 18, at approximately 9:50 PM, P.O. Kyle Ferreira was on the scene of a gas leak along with the Wyckoff Fire Department. Wyckoff Fire Police officers were also on the scene controlling traffic flow through the area. P.O. Ferreira observed a driver disregard the orders of the Fire Police and drive her vehicle directly into the active emergency scene. The Fire Police officer advised P.O. Ferreira that the vehicle almost struck him when it passed by him. P.O. Ferreira approached the vehicle and spoke with

the driver. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Melissa Sanchez, Paterson NJ, age; 33. Sanchez was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, and failure to obey an officer directing traffic. After processing, she was released to the custody of a friend. Her vehicle was impounded and held for twelve hours under John's Law. Sgt. Michael DeMaio and P.O. Ryan Tenney assisted P.O. Ferriera.

Chief Murphy would like to remind residents of the increase in criminal acts throughout the Holiday Season. He encourages all to be alert for suspicious activity. Among the crimes that are often committed during this time are thefts of delivered packages from front porches, and the theft of Holiday gifts left outdoors for service workers. It is best to personally hand gifts to service workers and not leave them outside unattended. The following tips will help you deter package thieves and guide you in the event that a package is stolen from you:

Track your packages

The US Postal Service, FedEx and UPS all have systems to track your packages from the retailer to your doorstep. All three use tracking numbers that can be used to figure out where the item is and when it should be delivered to your home.

With the postal service's Informed Delivery app, you can have email or text alerts about packages sent to you automatically, and you can add delivery instructions for the mail carrier if you won't be home when the package gets there. UPS' My Choice program and FedEx's Delivery Manager offer similar options.

Amazon helps you keep track of your packages, too, with tracking information that can be found in your order details.

Deliver to your office or neighbor

Another surefire way to thwart porch theft is to not have packages delivered to your home at all. Many people have holiday packages delivered to their workplace or to a trusted neighbor nearby who'll be at home when the item arrives.

FedEx will hold your package for pickup at one of its FedEx Office locations or at Walgreens. Packages sent via UPS can be picked up at a UPS facility, diverted to a UPS Store or even delivered on another day that's more convenient for you.

Request alternate delivery options

Maybe you can't stay home during the day when your packages are scheduled to arrive. Sending deliveries to your workplace isn't allowed, and you're not close enough with your neighbors for deliveries to be left with them.

But there are a few other options if you have an Amazon Prime membership. Amazon's Key Smart Lock Kit allows you to remotely unlock your door so a package can be dropped off inside your home. Or use Amazon's Key In-Car Delivery, which allows a delivery person to put a package in your back seat or trunk when it's parked on the street.

What to do if your package doesn't show up

So you got an alert saying your package was delivered but it's nowhere to be found. You should file a police report -- and then also do this:

-- If it was delivered by the US Postal Service, you can fill out a Missing Mail Search Request. The main drawback with this, though, is you have to wait seven business days after the package was supposed to arrive before you can take advantage of this option.

-- If it was delivered by UPS, the company encourages you to contact the sender to start a claim, because UPS says package senders have the most essential claim documents, like invoices, receipts, etc.

-- If it was delivered by FedEx, there's an online form to fill out a claim for a missing package.

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.

