



Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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On February 28, Det. Sgt. Kasak received information from a Ramsey Detective concerning a forgery at a bank that was being investigated in that jurisdiction. The Ramsey Detective discovered that the same actor had committed a similar crime in Wyckoff on January 23, 2019. A joint investigation was conducted with Ramsey and other jurisdictions and the suspect was identified. On March 23, Det. Sgt. Kasak signed charges against Dorian K. Butler, Bronx NY, age; 51. Butler was charged with one count of attempted theft, a third degree crime, and one count of forgery, a fourth degree crime. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

On March 5, at approximately 5:00 PM, P.O. Maglione was conducting speed limit enforcement on Clinton Avenue. She observed a maroon Subaru travelling at a high rate of speed and conducted a motor vehicle stop. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Nicholas Arnone, Wyckoff NJ, age; 18. He was transported into headquarters and charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams, and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. He also received motor vehicle summonses for speeding and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. After processing, he was released pending a court date.

On March 8, at approximately 11:45 AM, P.O. Robert Schlossberg conducted a motor vehicle stop on a white Ford Mustang. A passenger in the vehicle, who was also the owner of the Mustang, identified himself as a law enforcement officer in the State of NY and displayed a badge. The subsequent investigation determined that Leonard C. Miles, Spring Valley NY, age; 47 was employed as a security officer for a NY State agency and was not a sworn law enforcement officer. Miles was charged with one count of impersonating a law

enforcement officer. A warrant was issued for his arrest, and on March 12, the Spring Valley NY Police Department took Miles into custody on the Wyckoff warrant. He was held in the Rockland County NY Jail, and was transported to the Bergen County Jail on March 18, after waiving extradition. He is scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

Chief Murphy would like to remind all motorists that during the month of April, the Wyckoff Police Department will be participating in the Statewide Distracted Driving Enforcement Campaign:

“During the month of April the high-visibility law enforcement initiative will target motorists who engage in dangerous distracted driving behaviors, such as talking on handheld cell phones and sending text messages while driving. Federal grant money will allow law enforcement agencies to put extra officers on the road to target distracted drivers.

Despite the fact that using a handheld cell phone or texting while driving is illegal in New Jersey, the practice appears to be widespread. In a recent survey conducted by the FDU PublicMind Poll for the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, 67% of respondents said they “very often” see people driving and talking on a handheld cell phone, while 42% of respondents said they “very often” see drivers texting.

The month of April has been designated as Distracted Driving Awareness Month by the National Safety Council. The New Jersey campaign is modeled after similar successful high-visibility enforcement programs such as “Click It or Ticket” and “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.”

Although the month of April will have officers specifically assigned to enforcing distracted driving, Chief Murphy advises that the Wyckoff Police Department remains vigilant throughout the entire year for distracted drivers and other violators. Working together, we can reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities, and keep our roads safe for all who use them.

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.