



Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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On March 25, P.O. Kenneth Marcoux took a report of theft at Washington School. He was advised that several teachers had reported cash missing from their bags in their classrooms. The matter was turned over to the detective bureau for further investigation. On April 12, Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci was advised that a custodian was observed taking money from a teacher's bag. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Gary A. Blake, Paterson NJ, age; 49. He was charged with one count of theft, processed, and released from headquarters pending a court appearance.

On March 29, P.O. Robert Schlossberg and P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione were dispatched to the area of Highland Avenue for a reported erratic driver. The vehicle was observed in the rear of the Wyckoff Shopping Center and the driver appeared to be asleep. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Jimmy C. Paredes Garcia, Hawthorne NJ, age; 41. He was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, and reckless driving. He was released to the custody of a family member and his vehicle was impounded and held for 12 hours under John's Law.

On April 1, P.O. Kenneth Marcoux was dispatched to the area of Franklin Avenue and Godwin Avenue on a report of an erratic driver. He located the vehicle in the parking lot of 303 Godwin Avenue. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Dayna M. Guerra, Fair Lawn NJ, age 27. She was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. She was released to the custody of a family member and her vehicle was impounded and held for 12 hours under John's Law.

On April 8, P.O. Michael Flim observed a black Honda Civic travelling on Wyckoff Avenue and noted several equipment violations. The vehicle was stopped, and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Alexandra L. Gardner, Mahwah NJ, age; 28. She was transported into headquarters and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and possession of hypodermic syringes. She was released from headquarters pending a court appearance.

On May 5, P.O. James Bakelaar was dispatched to a business on Franklin Avenue on a report of a burglary and theft. The business owner reported that cash was missing from the safe and other items were taken from the business. No forced entry was detected at the scene. The matter was turned over to the detective bureau and is currently under investigation.

On June 1, P.O. William Plisich and P.O. William Christopher were dispatched to a construction site on Sicomac Avenue on a reported theft. The officers were provided with surveillance photos of the actors and information that one of them was an employee at the site. Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci and Det. Sgt. Mark Tagliareni responded to the scene to assist. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrests of Jose A. Rivera, Paterson NJ, age; 30 and Ivis C. Aguilar, Paterson NJ, age; 67. Both were charged with burglary and theft and were released pending a court appearance.

On June 8, residents of Highview Drive entered headquarters to report a theft at their home. They advised that they suspected the missing items may have been taken by home health aides who were contracted to work at their home. The matter has been turned over to the detective bureau and is currently under investigation.

On June 10, Sgt. Michael DeMaio and P.O. Kevin Oldewurtel were dispatched to a single vehicle motor vehicle crash on Russell Avenue. A witness reported that the driver of the vehicle walked away from the scene. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Gerald Gallipoli, Wyckoff NJ, age; 69. He was charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, failure to report an accident, leaving the scene of an accident, and failure to maintain a lane. He is scheduled to appear in court to answer the charges.

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.