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On March 4, at approximately 4:50 PM, P.O. William Christopher was dispatched to a single vehicle crash on Russell Avenue. The on-scene investigation resulted in the arrest of the driver, Odilio Chitic-Camey, Bogota N.J., age; 31. He was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, and failure to observe marked traffic lanes. His vehicle was impounded and held for 12 hours under John's Law.

On March 6, at approximately 4:15 PM, P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione, P.O. William Christopher, and P.O. James Bakelaar responded to a business in the Boulder Run Shopping Center on a report of a customer refusing to pay for services. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Elizabeth Parisi, Waldwick N.J., age; 53. She was transported into headquarters and charged with possession of narcotics, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and hindering apprehension.

On March 6, at approximately 12:20 AM, P.O. Robert Schlossberg observed a vehicle being operated in an erratic manner on Route 208 North. The vehicle was stopped, and the investigation resulted in the arrest of Kimberly Zajack, Monmouth Junction N.J., age; 39. She was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, failure to observe marked traffic lanes, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Her vehicle was impounded and held for 12 hours under John's Law. After being processed, she was released to the custody of a family member.

Over the past several months, multiple law enforcement agencies have reported daytime commercial burglaries of unoccupied offices. Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci and Det. Sgt. Mark Tagliareni worked alongside Detectives from other agencies and identified a possible suspect. On March 11, the collaborative investigation resulted in the arrest of Nicolas Torres, Passaic NJ, age; 39. He was charged with committing burglaries to a Wyckoff business on January 15, 2022, and two other businesses on February 5, 2022. He was remanded to the Bergen County Jail on charges from several jurisdictions.

On March 12, at approximately 9:45 AM, P.O. Kevin Oldewurtel received a report of a black Acura being operated in an erratic manner on Wyckoff Avenue near Godwin Avenue. He located the Acura on Everett Avenue and spoke with the driver. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Courtney Latka, Franklin Lakes NJ, age; 32. She was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated. Her vehicle was impounded and held for 12 hours under John's Law.

On March 22, at approximately 7:25 PM, P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione was dispatched to the area of Pathway Manor and Sunset Blvd on a report that occupants of a black Mercedes were shooting paintballs at houses. The vehicle was located by Sgt. Michael DeMaio and stopped. The two male juveniles, both Wyckoff residents, were found to be in possession of a SplatRball gun, a toy used to fire soft water bead gels. No damage was done to the homes that were struck. The juveniles were transported into headquarters and their parents were contacted. The juveniles and their parents were warned about the negative consequences and possible repercussions of their actions and released.

On April 1, at approximately 8:20 PM, P.O. Kenneth Marcoux observed a white Toyota pickup approaching him that was using the left shoulder to pass vehicles on Route 208 South. Still travelling in the shoulder, the driver passed P.O. Marcoux's marked patrol vehicle. He stopped the Toyota and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of the driver, William Jimenez Bermudez, Prospect Park NJ, age; 41. He was transported into headquarters and charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, failure to maintain a lane of travel, unsafe lane change, improper passing, and speeding. His vehicle was impounded and held for 12 hours under John's Law. After processing, he was released to the custody of a family member.

On April 3, at approximately 12:00 PM, a resident of Eder Avenue reported that their 2017 Land Rover had been stolen from the driveway. P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione responded to take the report. The vehicle's owner provided surveillance video that showed the actors taking the car from his driveway at 10:16 PM the previous evening. The vehicle had been left unlocked with the key fob inside of it. On April 4, the Essex County Sheriff's Department advised that they had recovered the vehicle in Belleville, N.J. The Land Rover was taken to the Bergen County Sheriff's Office Bureau of Criminal Identification to be processed for evidence related to the offenders. The Detective Bureau is investigating the theft.

On April 5, at approximately 9:30 AM, a resident of Old Woods Road reported that her BMW SUV was burglarized the previous evening. She reported that when she woke up, she observed that the rear hatch was standing open as well as the center console. She reported that her vehicle's registration and insurance cards were taken along with a small amount of money. Her doorbell camera revealed that at approximately 12:51 AM, a small white sedan stopped in front of her house and a male subject exited the car and entered her vehicle. The matter was turned over to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

On April 6, at approximately 10:40 AM, a motorist travelling on Route 208 South between Cedar Hill Avenue and Grandview Avenue reported that a white Mercedes Benz pulled over to the shoulder. The four male occupants exited the vehicle and ran off into an adjacent residential area. Multiple patrol units descended on the area and P.O. James Bakelaar located the four individuals at the intersection of New York Avenue and Robertson Drive. The subsequent investigation determined that the Mercedes had been reported stolen out of Rutherford N.J. earlier in the day. It became disabled due to a flat tire, causing the occupants to flee on foot. The following arrests were made: Keath L. Jackson, Newark NJ, age; 22; Ali T. Hall, Newark NJ, age; 19; Nazir Coursey, Newark NJ, age; 20; and a 16-year-old male resident of Newark, NJ. They were each charged with receiving stolen property and criminal mischief for damaging a fence separating the highway from the residential area. Hall and Coursey were processed and remanded to the Bergen County Jail. Jackson was processed and released from custody. The juvenile was processed and served with a Juvenile Delinquency Complaint that will be heard in Family Court. Assisting with the arrest and investigation was Chief David Murphy, Lt. Joseph Soto, Lt. Kevin Kasak, Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci, P.O. William Christopher, P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione, P.O. Joseph Benanti, the Midland Park Police Department, and the Hawthorne Police Department.

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.