



Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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On March 8, at approximately 12:05 PM, Sgt. Mark Tagliareni and P.O. Kevin Oldewurtel were dispatched to a residence on Hartung Drive. The resident reported that a package was delivered to her house that was addressed to someone who did not reside there. Several minutes later, she reported that a vehicle backed into her driveway and an unknown female approached her front door. The female asked for the package and provided the name that was on the package. The resident advised the female that the package had not been delivered and she left the area. A vehicle description was provided to the officers who transmitted an alert to neighboring law enforcement. Upper Saddle River Police located the vehicle and stopped it. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrests of Juan Carlos Lugo, Bronx NY, age; 44 and Erika Lora, Bronx NY, age; 35. Both were charged with conspiracy to receive stolen property. The package they attempted to retrieve contained a cellphone valued at approximately \$1,000. The Wyckoff Police would like to thank the Upper Saddle River Police Department for their assistance.

On March 23, at approximately 2:35 AM, P.O. Robert Schlossberg stopped a vehicle on Wyckoff Avenue after observing a traffic violation. The subsequent investigation revealed that the driver, Melvin Acosta-Espinal, New York NY, age; 23 had a suspended driver's license. A summons was issued to him for driving while suspended and he was advised to leave his vehicle in a nearby parking lot until a valid driver was available to operate it. At approximately 4:20 AM, P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione observed the vehicle again being operated by Acosta-Espinal. The vehicle was stopped and he was placed under arrest. He was transported into headquarters where he was issued a second summons for driving while suspended and a criminal charge of hindering prosecution by providing false information to the officers. He was released pending a court date.

On March 30 at approximately 9:00 AM, Sgt. Michael DeMaio responded to a local business on a report of a shoplifting that occurred in the past. The store manager advised Sgt. DeMaio that on several occasions, the same suspect has removed items from the shelves and exited without paying for them. On April 1, another shoplifting was reported with similar merchandise being taken by the same suspect. On April 7, the suspect was again in the store suspected of shoplifting and was detained by store personnel until the arrival of police officers. Jeffrey Seymour, Midland Park NJ, age; 48, was transported into headquarters, processed, and charged with one count of shoplifting. The subsequent investigation conducted by Det. Sgt. Michael Ragucci resulted in two additional shoplifting charges being brought against Seymour. He was released pending a court date.

On April 1, at approximately 5:00 PM, Sgt. Mark Tagliareni was monitoring traffic on Route 208 North. He observed a red Chevrolet Cruze that displayed an equipment violation. As he followed the vehicle, he noted that the driver was operating the vehicle in an aggressive manner. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of, Emily Pawlak-Mann, Warwick NY, age; 23. She was transported into headquarters, processed, and charged with one count of hindering apprehension. She was also found to have an outstanding warrant from the Bergen County Sheriff's Department. She was turned over to the Sheriff's Department, who transported her to the Bergen County Jail. The driver of the vehicle was issued motor vehicle summonses for unsafe lane change, unclear plates, and driving while suspended. Sgt. Tagliareni was assisted by P.O. Robert Schlossberg and P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione.

On April 2, at approximately 10:15 AM, P.O. Robert Schlossberg was monitoring traffic on Route 208 North. He observed the driver of a brown Buick who was failing to stay in her lane of travel. He stopped the Buick to address the violation. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrests of Breanna Helmke, Campbell Hall NY, age; 25 and Keith Reiff, Hewitt NJ, age; 34. Both parties were transported into headquarters. Helmke was charged with driving with a suspended license and possession of a controlled dangerous substance. She was processed and released pending a court date. Reiff was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance. He was processed and transported to the Bergen County Jail. Sgt. Mark Tagliareni and P.O. Joseph Fullam assisted with the arrests.

On April 8, at approximately 12:20 PM, Sgt. Mark Tagliareni was monitoring traffic on Route 208 North. He observed a red Honda Civic pass his location that had numerous motor vehicle equipment violations. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrests of Eric Huezo, Freeport NY, age; 25 and Luwam Hayelom, Jamaica NY, age; 30. They were transported into headquarters, processed, and released pending a court date. Huezo was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams. He also was issued motor vehicle summonses for having an unclear license plate, an obstructed view, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. Luwam was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. Sgt. Daniel Kellogg and P.O. Michael Flim assisted with the arrests.

On April 10, at approximately 11:40 AM, P.O. Joseph Fullam was conducting radar enforcement on Route 208 South. He observed a grey Toyota Corolla travelling at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was stopped and the subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Keyana Drumheiser, Vernon NJ, age; 19. She was transported into headquarters and charged with distribution of marijuana, possession of marijuana over 50 grams, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and money laundering. She was released pending a court date. Sgt. Tagliareni and P.O. Kaitlyn Maglione assisted with the arrest.

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.