



## Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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### **For Immediate Release:**

On August 4, at 8:30pm, Sergeant Daniel Kellogg and Officer William Plisich were dispatched to the CVS Pharmacy, 303 Franklin Avenue to take a report of a female at the counter utilizing a fraudulent prescription to obtain Codeine. A description of the female actor was given out and Officer Plisich was able to detain her as she exited the store. Two additional male actors were in the area and had fled upon patrols arrival. After an extensive search of the area by various police departments, the remaining two male actors were located. Subsequently, all three were arrested. Maliek Fludd, Queens Village, NY, age 24; Cristina M. Tobey, West Babylon, NY, age 30; and Henold J. Edouard, Queens Village, NY, age 26, were charged with the following:

**Maliek Fludd-** Possession of marijuana and possession of a scheduled narcotic

**Cristina Tobey-** Possession of marijuana, possession of a scheduled narcotic, forgery and obtaining a controlled dangerous substance by fraud

**Henold Edouard-**Possession of marijuana

All were released and are to appear in court. Detective Sergeant Michael Ragucci, Officer Terrence Murphy, Officer Kyle Ferreira, Officer John Rafferty and Officer Michael Scalise assisted.

On August 5, at 11:12pm, Officer Robert Schlossberg was monitoring traffic conditions on Goffle Road when he observed a vehicle pass his location with a motor vehicle violation. Officer Schlossberg stopped the vehicle and the investigation led to the arrest of David Torres, Jersey City, age 24. Mr. Torres was charged with unlicensed driver, failure to maintain lane, obstructed view, possession of c.d.s. in a motor vehicle, possession of c.d.s. and possession of c.d.s. with intent to distribute. He is scheduled to appear in court. Sergeant Daniel Kellogg and Officer Michael Flim assisted.

The Wyckoff Police Department would like to remind all residents about some safety tips to help avoid frauds.

1. **Spot imposters.** Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, a family member, a charity, or a company you do business with. Don't send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request — whether it comes as a text, a phone call, or an email.
2. **Do online searches.** Type a company or product name into your favorite search engine with words like “review,” “complaint” or “scam.” Or search for a phrase that describes your situation, like “IRS call.” You can even search for phone numbers to see if other people have reported them as scams.
3. **Don't believe your caller ID.** Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name and number you see aren't always real. If someone calls asking for money or personal information, hang up. If you think the caller might be telling the truth, call back to a number you know is genuine.
4. **Don't pay upfront for a promise.** Someone might ask you to pay in advance for things like debt relief, credit and loan offers, mortgage assistance, or a job. They might even say you've won a prize, but first you have to pay taxes or fees. If you do, they will probably take the money and disappear.
5. **Consider how you pay.** Credit cards have significant fraud protection built in, but some payment methods don't. Wiring money through services like Western Union or MoneyGram is **risky** because it's nearly impossible to get your money back. That's also true for reloadable cards like MoneyPak, Reloadit or Vanilla. Government offices and honest companies won't require you to use these payment methods.
6. **Talk to someone.** Before you give up your money or personal information, talk to someone you trust. Con artists want you to make decisions in a hurry. They might even threaten you. Slow down, check out the story, do an online search, consult an expert — or just tell a friend.
7. **Hang up on robocalls.** If you answer the phone and hear a recorded sales pitch, hang up and report it to the FTC. These calls are illegal, and often the products are bogus. Don't press 1 to speak to a person or to be taken off the list. That could lead to more calls.
8. **Be skeptical about free trial offers.** Some companies use free trials to sign you up for products and bill you every month until you cancel. Before you agree to a free trial, research the company and read the cancellation policy. And always review your monthly statements for charges you don't recognize.
9. **Don't deposit a check and wire money back.** By law, banks must make funds from deposited checks available within days, but uncovering a fake check can take weeks. If a check you deposit turns out to be a fake, you're responsible for repaying the bank.
10. **Sign up for free scam alerts from the FTC at [ftc.gov/scams](https://ftc.gov/scams).** Get the latest tips and advice about scams sent right to your inbox.

If you spot a scam, report it at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://ftc.gov/complaint). Your reports help the FTC and other law enforcement investigate scams and bring perpetrators to justice.

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 in their neighborhoods at any time to Wyckoff Police- County Dispatch (201)891-2121

“The Wyckoff Police Department would like to point out that these individuals have been charged with a crime, offense, and/or motor vehicle violation. However, they are presumed innocent unless and until they are found guilty in a court of law.”