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Weekly Police Blotter
10/18/2022 – 10/24/2022

*The below captions are a summary of significant police responses during the listed week. The blotter does not include all calls for service attended to by the Rochelle Park Police Department.

- **10/18/22 4:59 AM, (Property Damage)**
A Forest Place resident reported damage to his window. Resident stated that his neighbor was taking out his garbage, which startled a white-tailed deer, causing the deer to head butt a first-floor window, shattering the glass. Matter documented.
- **10/18/22 12:42 PM, (Breach of Peace)**
Resident of Thiem Ave. reported a dispute with a family member. The verbal argument among family members was settled by patrol officers.
- **10/18/22 1:34 PM, (Lost/Stolen Property)**
A party walked into headquarters to report a Money Order was lost or stolen. The order in question was purchased at the Rochelle Park Post Office, however, it never arrived at the intended location. The order was cashed by a third party whom detectives are working to identify.
- **10/18/22 7:33 PM, (Motor Vehicle Crash / Pedestrian)**
A patrol officer discovered a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of W. Passaic Street and Berdan Street. The investigation revealed a male party walking in the crosswalk was struck by a Chevy pickup truck. The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver was issued a motor vehicle summons.
- **10/19/22 04:20 PM, (Fire)**
An officer was alerted to a vehicle fire on Rochelle Avenue. The vehicle, in the southbound lane of travel was fully engulfed in flames. Traffic was diverted for approximately 1 hour as the Rochelle Park Fire Department fought stubborn flames from a Toyota Rav4 Hybrid. No one was injured during the event.

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- **10/20/2022 10:55 AM, (Trespassing)**
An Essex Street business owner reported observing a female party remaining inside the building after closing hours. The party appeared to be seeking shelter in the building during the overnight hours, and exited prior to the new business day. A surveillance image of the actor was broadcast to the patrol division.
- **10/20/2022 12:33 PM, (Arrest – Adult)**
Paramus Police requested assistance with a fleeing shoplifter from the Garden State Plaza Mall. Rochelle Park Officers located the 33-year-old female near the American Legion. The arrestee was charged with eluding and resisting arrest, and turned over to the Paramus PD to face shoplifting charges.
- **10/21/2022 12:22 AM, (Arrest – Adult)**
In response to the previous trespassing complaint, patrol conducted business checks on Essex Street. A 37-year-old female was located, while attempting to enter a closed business. The female was taken into custody, charged with criminal trespass, and released pending a future court date.
- **10/21/2022 8:46 AM, (Breach of Peace)**
Officers responded to the Township Offices after hearing a male voice yelling in the lobby. A resident, whom was angry about a tax issue, was spoken to and agreed to return on the following day.
- **10/21/2022 12:41 PM, (Welfare Check)**
Passing motorists on West Passaic Street reported a male dressed in all black, screaming at passing vehicles. Patrol located the 45-year-old male and spoke to him about his actions. The male stated he was upset and was taking his frustrations out on the traffic. He was sent on his way without further incident.
- **10/22/22 2:38 PM, (Welfare Check)**
Caller reported a female and a baby were crying in the area of William Street. The caller stated the female told him she was stranded. Patrol located the female and found that she exited a vehicle on Rt. 17 after an argument. The 27-year-old female and 1-year old child were provided transportation to a safe location.

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- **10/22/2022 5:47 PM, (Suspicious Occurrence)**
The owner of a Rochelle Avenue hair salon reported three males entered her business. One male was wearing an orange jump suit with pink and purple braided hair. A second male was carrying a large camera. They claimed to work for a company that assists individuals recently released from prison, in obtaining employment. One of the males requested employment as a barber. The matter was documented, possibly related to a prank and/or reality television show.
- **10/22/2022 6:59 PM, (Domestic Dispute)**
Caller reported a family dispute on Chestnut Avenue. Patrol located all involved and an investigation led to the arrest of a female for simple assault. The arrestee was charged, released, and agreed to stay elsewhere for the evening.
- **10/22/2022 8:30 AM, (Community Outreach)**
Several officers took part in a “Coffee With A Cop”, community outreach event. The event was held at a Route 17 coffee shop from 8:30 – 11:00 AM.
- **10/23/2022 12:36 AM, (DWI Arrest)**
Patrol stopped a motorist on Essex Street for failing to observe a traffic signal. After detecting possible intoxication, the driver was removed for field sobriety tests. The driver, a 40-year-old male, was placed under arrest for DWI. He was charged and released to a family member.
- **10/23/2022 8:38 AM, (Criminal Mischief)**
Patrol located fresh graffiti on the east side of a West Passaic Street business. The apparent “tag” was documented and submitted to detectives.
- **10/24/2022 3:24 PM, (Suspicious Person(s))**
Police were dispatched to an Essex Street gas station on a report of two males selling items out of their vehicle. Patrol located the duo whom ran out of gas and were attempting to raise money to return home to Connecticut.

*A charge is not a conviction. All persons are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.