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Weekly Police Blotter
11/1/2022 – 11/7/2022

*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.

- **11/1/22 8:00 AM, (Burglary to Auto)**
A patron of a West Passaic St. hotel reported her vehicle was forcibly entered. Patrol Officers observed damage to the driver's side door, and the owner reported several energy drinks were stolen. Detectives are reviewing surveillance footage.
- **11/1/22 7:12 PM, (Community Outreach)**
Patrol Officers welcomed the Rochelle Park Boy Scouts into headquarters. The scouts were given a tour of HQ and were taught the ins and outs of the fingerprint process.
- **11/2/22 7:41 AM, (Criminal Mischief)**
A patrolman observed graffiti on the side of a USPS mailbox. The words "Abortions Saves Lives" were inscribed on the east side of the postal box. The postal service was notified of the damage.
- **11/2/22 2:45 PM, (Notification)**
A caller reported finding metal in his food that was purchased at an Essex Street store. The metal was found to be a nut in his hot dog bun. The nut fell from display case, and the customer was provided a full refund.
- **11/3/22 4:21 PM, (Suspicious Occurrence)**
Headquarters received a report of a male party using a hammer to break a bicycle lock off a sign post in front of a Rochelle Avenue store. Patrol arrived on scene and located a juvenile male utilizing a hammer and a blow torch to free the bike. The bike was confirmed to be property of the juvenile, and the Fire Department assisted in cutting the lock.

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- **11/4/2022 9:44 PM, (Juvenile Complaint)**
A caller reported a large group of juveniles congregating on Berdan Street. The juveniles (13/14/15 yoa) were creating a disturbance and possibly fighting. Patrol located the group, and they were advised to leave the area for the evening.
- **11/5/2022 12:05 AM, (Juvenile Complaint)**
Motorists report juveniles sitting on the curb in front of a Rochelle Avenue business. Vehicles were forced to swerve around them as they were obstructing the roadway. Upon police arrival, the group voluntarily returned home.
- **11/5/2022 2:23 AM, (Suspicious Vehicle)**
Patrol located a pickup truck, running, and parked haphazardly on Fairfield Drive. Upon approach, a male quickly exited the vehicle with a pit bull in tow. The male claimed to be waiting for a friend while “scrapping for disposed metal”. The 31-year-old male was found to have a warrant out of Passaic County, however, the agency released the party on his own recognizance. Several motor vehicle summonses were issued and the party was released.
- **11/5/2022 11:30 AM (Assist Other Department)**
Patrol Officers were dispatched to assist Lodi PD with an unresponsive person on Essex Street. The female in question was found to be inside a stolen vehicle out of Paterson. RPPD officers assisted with the arrest of the female suspect.
- **11/5/2022 7:03 PM (Fraud)**
A Peek Street resident reported being de-frauded out of several thousand dollars on a dating app. The suspects utilized a fake profile on “Bumble” to solicit funds to cover travel to the United States. Detectives were assigned to the case.
- **11/6/22 3:58 PM (Welfare Check)**
Police were dispatched to a West Passaic Street apartment complex for a female screaming. Patrol located the female and found the woman to be screaming about the Jets game. She was not accustomed to them winning games, which elicited the screams.

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- **11/6/2022 5:00 PM (Breach of Peace)**

A resident walked into headquarters to report a verbal dispute that occurred at Carlock Field. Two adults argued about children playing with a shopping cart. The matter was documented.

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