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Weekly Police Blotter
12/13/2022 – 12/19/2022

*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.

- **12/13/2022 8:03 AM, (Theft)**
A resident of Somerville Street reported he put a brand-new garbage can at the curb on 12/12, the following morning, 12/13, the can and contents were missing.
- **12/13/2022 1:25 PM, (Shoplifting)**
Loss prevention from a West Passaic Street liquor store reported a theft that occurred in the past. It was reported that (2) male actors, wearing surgical masks walked out of the store with shopping carts full of liquor on 12/12. Approximately \$1,700 worth of spirits, specifically “Casamigos Tequila”, was reported stolen. The suspects fled in a Honda Accord. Luckily, the suspects wore attire bearing the name of their employer, helping detectives develop a suspect. The investigation is ongoing.
- **12/13/2022 3:43 PM, (Assist other Agency)**
The Bergen County Sheriffs advised of a crime trend in the Bergen County Park system. Several vehicle burglaries were reported to patrons of the parks, extra checks were requested and conducted in the Saddle River County Park. Residents are warned to remove all valuables from vehicles and be sure to lock the doors.
- **12/14/2022 12:07 AM, (DWI Arrest)**
A 911 caller reported a vehicle travelling westbound in the east bound lane of West Passaic Street. Officers located the vehicle, a red Honda Accord, travelling haphazardly near Berdan Street. The vehicle was missing the front bumper, a fact which the 59-year-old male driver from Passaic, was unaware of. The driver was involved in a hit and run accident in Hackensack, and found to be impaired. Driver was arrested and charged with DWI, he was operating with a blood alcohol level more than twice the legal limit.

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- **12/14/2022 3:08 PM, (Robbery Arrest)**
A West Passaic Street supermarket reported a shoplifter physically struggling with loss prevention. The loss prevention officer was injured in the fracas. Responding patrol officers took the 38-year-old female from Ridgefield Park into custody. The suspect was charged with robbery, after attempting to shoplift \$50 worth of groceries.
- **12/16/2022 12:47 AM, (DWI Arrest)**
Patrol located an occupied vehicle parked improperly on Gertrude Avenue. The driver, a 30-year-old male from Staten Island, was found unconscious behind the steering wheel. Police observed a large amount of empty “High Noon” cans in the rear of the vehicle. The driver who was found to be impaired, was arrested and charged. He refused to submit breath samples and was summoned for that violation.
- **12/16/2022 2:35 PM, (Breach of Peace)**
A 911 caller reported a dispute at a Rochelle Avenue residence. Patrol located a couple arguing about returning personal belongings. Arrangements were made for the ex-girlfriend to retrieve her property at a later date.
- **12/17/2022 1:16 PM, (Theft)**
A Rochelle Avenue resident reported a package theft from her residence. A total of (3) packages were stolen from her doorstep on 12/14. Detectives are reviewing surrounding doorbell cameras.
- **12/18/2022 1:39 PM, (Suspicious Occurrence)**
A caller reported (3) males parked in the driveway of their deceased neighbor. An argument ensued between the neighbor and the males parked in the driveway. Patrol determined the men were on site to purchase a shed, arranged by an executor of the deceased’s will. All parties agreed to go separate ways for the time being.

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- **12/19/2022 8:08 AM, (Motor Vehicle Stop)**
Patrol conducted a motor vehicle stop of a U-Haul van on West Passaic Street. The interior of the vehicle was equipped with large plastic bladders commonly used to store cooking oil. The bladders were currently empty, and the driver could not produce any contracts with local merchants. The 30-year-old male driver from Newark was issued several motor vehicle summonses and the incident was recorded for intelligence purposes.

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