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# Weekly Police Blotter

12/20/2022 - 12/27/2022

\*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.

## • 12/20/2022 9:05 AM, (Theft)

An employee of a Parkway medical facility reported the catalytic convertor from his Honda minivan was stolen overnight. Detectives are reviewing surveillance to identify a suspect vehicle.

### • 12/20/2022 12:11 PM, (Harassment)

A resident reported meeting a party on social media. The party, posing as a female, sent explicit photos to the resident and requested similar photos in return. Family members of the resident reported receiving copies of this same explicit photograph. The suspect made a financial request in order to cease distributing the photograph. Detectives are investigating a possible case of extortion.

### • 12/20/2022 4:15 PM, (Adult Arrest)

A motor vehicle stop was conducted on Plaza Way. A male passenger was found to not be wearing a seatbelt. He was unable to produce identification and provided a false name. Officers identified the 38-year-old male from Jersey City, and charged him with hindering apprehension. The male was found to have a \$1000 criminal warrant out of Milburn. Millburn PD took custody of the arrestee.

### • 12/21/2022 11:44 AM, (Theft)

A Howard Avenue resident reported being the victim of a credit card theft. An unknown party acquired a duplicate credit card in the victims' name and began to make purchases. Detectives are tracking the purchases and working with surrounding agencies to identify a suspect.

### • 12/22/2022 1:08 PM, (Suspicious Occurrence)

A West Passaic Street resident reported finding his vehicle, a Honda CRV, with all the windows, including a sunroof, open. The complainant was certain his left the vehicle locked and closed.

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# • 12/22/2022 10:37 PM, (Lost Property)

A citizen reported finding a wrapped bundle of cash in a West Passaic Street hotel parking lot. The bundle contained \$500 in single dollar bills. A short time later a female approached the hotel front desk and reported losing \$500. The female stated she is a "dancer" at a local club and is paid in singles. She provided an identical bundle of cash and was confirmed to be the owner of the lost currency.

## • 12/23/2022 10:04 PM, (Breach of Peace)

A caller reported two men arguing on Rochelle Avenue, outside of a pickup truck. Patrol located one of the men and found that two brothers were arguing inside of the truck and decided to go separate ways.

## • 12/24/2022 9:13 AM, (Narcotics Arrest)

Patrol conducted a motor vehicle stop on a Mercury Sable. The driver and passenger both provided false information. Officers observed a large quantity of scrap metal in the rear seat of the passenger car. A subsequent search uncovered heroin, crack, and drug paraphernalia. A 52-year-old female and 46-year-old male, both of Lodi, were charged with possession of C.D.S., possession of drug paraphernalia, hindering apprehension, and failure to deliver C.D.S. to police. The male was turned over to Carlstadt PD on an open warrant. Police are investigating the source of the scrap metal.

## • 12/24/2022 6:20 PM, (Vehicle Theft)

A resident reported his vehicle was taken without consent by a family member. The complainant believed his family member took the vehicle to purchase narcotics. The resident was explained his options and ultimately refused to report the vehicle as stolen.

### • 12/25/2022 9:38 AM, (Breach of Peace)

A caller reported two parties yelling at one another inside of a Passaic Street Supermarket. One of the parties was reported to be "mooning" the other. Patrol responded and were unable to locate either actor, nor their full moons.

## • 12/26/2022 11:45 PM, (Criminal Mischief)

Patrol located graffiti on a Rochelle Avenue dumpster. The tags were documented and the building owner was notified.

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# • 12/27/2022 1:53 AM, (Burglary)

Headquarters received a report of a burglary in progress at a Central Avenue auto shop. The owner observed (3) males inside his business. Responding patrol units arrived and found the actors to have fled. The actors attempted to steal multiple vehicles, however, the quick patrol response resulted in no losses. Detectives are investigating.

### • 12/27/2022 12:24 PM, (Theft)

A caller reported the theft of a catalytic convertor from a vehicle parked on Woodland Avenue. Detectives reviewed surveillance footage and observed 3 actors exit a grey SUV and commit the theft. The crime occurred at 5:59 AM on 12/26, the investigation is ongoing.

### • 12/27/2022 6:48 PM, (Violation of TRO)

A resident reported the violation of a Temporary Restraining Order by a former roommate. Police reviewed the surveillance evidence, confirmed the violation, and issued a warrant for the arrest of the 43-year-old male actor.

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