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Weekly Police Blotter
1/25/2023 – 1/31/2023

*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.

- **1/25/2023 9:58 AM, (Shoplifting)**
A West Passaic Street convenience store owner reported the theft of liquor. The owner reported that on the previous evening, 1/24, (2) female suspects entered the store. One party distracted the clerk, while a second suspect hid a bottle of Hennessy Cognac under her jacket. Surveillance footage confirmed the account and detectives are attempting to identify the actors.
- **1/25/2023 12:36 PM, (Fraud)**
The daughter of a West Passaic Street resident responded to headquarters to report her mother was the victim of a scam. The victim met an unknown person online and has supplied the fraudulent actor with several thousands of the dollars' worth of gift card balances. The ploy, commonly referred to as a "Romance Scam", began with an online dating relationship and quickly transitioned to a theft. Often times, as in this case, the victim does not believe they are being victimized. Detectives are assigned to the case.
- **1/25/2023 10:08 PM, (Suspicious Occurrence)**
A 911 caller reported an Essex Street convenience store, famously known for being open 24 hours a day, was closed, causing concern for the caller. Investigative work by responding officers led to the discovery of a note on the door which read, "closed until 6:00 AM. Matter documented.
- **1/26/2023 9:12 PM, (Warrant Arrest)**
A patrol Sergeant located a vehicle parked in the fire zone of an Essex Street business. An occupant of the vehicle was found to have an open traffic warrant out of Lodi. The 42-year-old male suspect from Hasbrouck Heights was taken into custody, and transported to headquarters where he posted a 10% bond.

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- **1/27/2023 4:40 PM, (Shoplifting)**
Loss prevention from a West Passaic Street supermarket reported a shoplifter in custody. The actor, a 65-year-old male from Paterson, was found to be in possession of over \$700 worth of proceeds. The items were recovered, the male was banned from the store, and security will pursue criminal complaints.
- **1/29/2023 4:21 AM, (Noise Complaint)**
A resident of a Rochelle Avenue apartment complex reported his neighbor makes unusual noises during the early morning hours. The complainant believes the noises are made to purposely disrupt the resident. Officers on scene observed the noises, described as screams of random verbiage. The complainant was advised of the civilian complaint process.
- **1/29/2023 3:53 PM, (Shoplifting)**
Loss prevention from a West Passaic Street supermarket reported 2 suspects actively shoplifting meat products. One of the suspects, a 58-year-old female from Hackensack, was detained and found to have \$280 worth of red meat. The property was recovered and security will pursue complaints.
- **1/29/2023 6:52 PM, (Domestic Violence)**
A resident of West Oldis Street responded to headquarters to report a physical altercation with a household member. A brief investigation led to the arrest of a 38-year-old male resident for simple assault. A temporary restraining order was also granted by a municipal judge.
- **1/31/2023 2:39 AM, (Arrest Adult)**
Patrol conducted a motor vehicle stop on West Passaic Street for multiple equipment violations. The driver stated that he did not have identification and provided a name that did not return in the MVC system. The driver was placed under arrest for providing false information to police. The arrestee's true identity was located and he was found to have multiple open warrants. The 26-year-old male from Teaneck was charged for hindering his own apprehension and turned over to Englewood Police.

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