

# Borough of River Edge

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April Police Blotter

04/01/2023-04/30/2023

The River Edge Police Department responded/initiated 479 calls for service between April 1, 2023, and April 15, 2023.

136- Motor Vehicle Stops

16- Motor Vehicle Crashes

29- Medical Assistance

3-Assisting the Fire Department

295-Other Calls for service

Some samples for calls for service we responded to during this time period. All suspects are innocent unless or until proven guilty in a court of law.

- **04/01/2023 (Receiving Value Unlawfully by Credit Card)**

A follow up investigation by the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau regarding a suspicious person, picking up merchandise from Total Wine & More, resulted in an arrest. An investigation revealed Rothshild Dieujstem, from Brooklyn, New York, attempted to purchase merchandise with a stolen credit card. He was subsequently charged on a criminal complaint pending his appearance in court.

- **04/01/2023 4:38pm (Missing Person)**

Officers responded to the 300 block of Valley Road regarding a missing person. Officers located the missing person in Target, in Paramus, New Jersey, a short time later.

- **04/01/2023 7:47pm (Fraud)**

A resident in the 200 block of Oak Avenue reported she was the victim of fraud by someone opening a line of credit in his name. He was provided an identity theft booklet. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

- **04/04/2023 00:28am (Fictitious Plates)**

P.O. Hall observed a Buick bearing fictitious Pennsylvania registration plates in the area of Colonial Court & Howland Avenue. The vehicle was impounded by the River Edge

Police Department. The registered owner was issued numerous motor vehicles summonses and was released pending court.

- **04/04/2023 3:42am (Sexual assault)**

An out-of-stater stands accused of sexually assaulting a teenage boy on two separate occasions. Eric Palese, 27, of New York, was linked to the alleged sexual assault of a child in River Edge. Palese, a warehouse manager, was charged with sexual assault, endangering the welfare of a child, and criminal sexual contact. He was remanded to the Westchester County Jail pending extradition to Bergen County. An investigation revealed that Palese arranged to meet with the boy, who was between the ages of 13 and 16 at the time, via social media, and sexually assaulted him in River Edge on two occasions in March. Palese was at least four years older than the teen at the time, and sexually assaulted the boy inside the defendant's vehicle, while it was parked in River Edge.

- **04/06/2023 10:41pm (DWI)**

Officers responded to a motor vehicle crash at McDonalds, 1118 Main Street. An investigation revealed a 58-year-old male driver from River Edge, New Jersey, was operating his vehicle intoxicated. The driver was charged with driving while intoxicated, and released pending his appearance in court.

- **04/07/2023 3:34am (DWI)**

Officers observed a vehicle stopped in traffic for a prolonged period near the intersection of Kinderkamack Road and Main Street. Investigation revealed a 28-year-old male driver from Silver Spring, Maryland was operating his vehicle intoxicated. The driver was charged with driving while intoxicated, and released pending his appearance in court.

- **04/07/2023 4:10pm (Theft)**

A resident on Bloomfield Avenue reported her mother was the victim of theft. She reported jewelry missing from her jewelry box. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

- **04/11/2023 8:13am (Warrant Arrest)**

Sgt. Diamond conducted a motor vehicle stop on Kinderkamack Road near the intersection of Washington Avenue, for a motor vehicle violation. An investigation revealed the driver a 42-year-old-male, from Hackensack, New Jersey was wanted on a warrant out of Hackensack, New Jersey. The driver was arrested, posted bail, and released pending his appearance in court.

- **04/13/2023 10:45am (Theft)**

Officers responded to 70 Grand Avenue on a report of theft. The victim reported he left packages containing belongings valued at \$3,000.00 in an area for Fed-Ex to pick up. When driver from Fed-Ex arrived, the boxes were missing. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

- **04/13/2023 5:25pm (Fraud)**

A resident on Eastbrook Drive reported she was the victim of fraud by someone opening a line of credit and a driver's license in her name. She was provided an identity theft booklet. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

- **04/13/2023 9:34pm (Warrant Arrest)**

P.O. Goetz conducted a motor vehicle stop on Kinderkamack Road near the intersection of Grand Avenue, for multiple motor vehicle violations. An investigation revealed the driver a 30-year-old-male, from Hackensack, New Jersey was wanted on warrants out of Kinnelon, Clifton, and Wayne, New Jersey. The driver was arrested and released with new court dates.

The River Edge Police Department responded/initiated 466 calls for service between April 15, 2023, and April 30, 2023.

79- Motor Vehicle Stops

12- Motor Vehicle Crashes

24- Medical Assistance

7-Assisting the Fire Department

344-Other Calls for service

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- **04/16/2023 6:16pm (Public Intoxication)**

Officers responded to the area of Kinderkamack Road and Washington Avenue for a reported male sleeping on a bench/sidewalk area. Officers located a male, who was heavily intoxicated. He was transported to a local hospital and turned over to the medical staff for treatment.

- **04/18/2023 1:22am (DWI)**

Officers responded to a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Kinderkamack Road. An investigation revealed a 32-year-old male driver from Hackensack, New Jersey, was operating his vehicle intoxicated. The driver was charged with driving while intoxicated, and released pending his appearance in court.

**04/19/2023 1:49am (Public Intoxication)**

Officers responded to 584 Kinderkamack Road (7-Eleven) on a reported male sleeping inside the store. Officers located a male, who was heavily intoxicated with a bottle of E&J Brandy. He was transported to a local hospital and turned over to the medical staff for treatment.

- **04/23/2023 8:33 pm (Filing a False Police Report)**

A 70-year-old-male from Paramus, New Jersey reported to the River Edge Police Department his vehicle was stolen from the River Edge Public Library. The matter was turned over to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation. An investigation revealed the male filed a false police report over terms of the sale of his vehicle, and the vehicle was not stolen. The male was subsequently charged with filing a false police report and released pending his appearance in court.

- **04/29/2023 10:57am (Burglary)**

The River Edge Police Department responded to 957 Kinderkamack Road (River Dell Filling Station) on a reported unknown individual entering a vehicle. An investigation revealed a 52-year-old female from East Rutherford, unlawfully entered an unlocked vehicle. The suspect took an item and fled the area. The female was later arrested and charged with burglary and theft. She was released pending her appearance in court.