

Borough of River Edge

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Semi-Monthly Police Blotter
02/16/2023 to 02/28/2023

The River Edge Police Department responded/initiated 342 calls for service between February 16, 2023 and February 28, 2023.

46 Motor Vehicle Stops

18 Motor Vehicle Crashes

22 Medical Assistance

2 Assisting the Fire Department

254 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.

- **02/17/2023 8:19am (Theft)**
Officers responded to the 1100 block of Main Street on a report of theft. The victim stated an unknown person took a Ring Door Bell off her door jam and fled the area. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.
- **02/18/2023 4:03am (Noise Violation)**
Officers responded to the 800 block Summit Avenue for a reported noise complaint. Officers advised two males to quiet down and to go inside for the night.
- **02/19/2023 9:28pm (Noise Violation)**
Officers responded to the rear parking lot of 97 Reservoir Avenue on a reported vehicle parked in the fire zone playing loud music. Officers located the vehicle unoccupied with fictitious registration plates attached. The vehicle was impounded for a further investigation by the River Edge Police Departments Traffic Bureau.
- **02/21/2023 7:24am (Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer)**
Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Oxford Terrace for a disturbance in progress. Officers spoke with the caller who identified the suspect as a male from the Bronx. Officers then attempted to speak with the suspect. The suspect subsequently brandished multiple knives towards the Officers. Officers attempted to deescalate the

situation with negative results. The Bergen County Regional SWAT Team responded to the scene to assist in the apprehension of the suspect. Christopher Gomez, from New York, New York was subsequently arrested and charged with multiple crimes/offenses and turned over to the Bergen County Jail.

- **02/21/2023 2:44pm (Burglary to M.V.)**
Officers responded to the 200 block of Kinderkamack Road on a reported burglary to a motor vehicle during the overnight hours. The victim was provided a stolen property form to complete and return to the River Edge Police Department. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.
- **02/22/2023 12:21am (DWI)**
The River Edge Fire Department and the River Edge Police Officers responded to a serious motor vehicle crash in the 100 block of Kinderkamack Road. Investigation revealed the driver, Evelyn Velecela, from Hackensack, New Jersey, was consuming alcoholic beverages under the legal age. Velecela was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.
- **02/22/2023 1:51am (Burglary to a Business)**
The River Edge and the Oradell Police Department responded to a burglary in the 400 block of Kinderkamack Road. Investigation revealed the suspect(s) forced entry into the rear doorway and fled with merchandise prior to officers' arrival. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.
- **02/22/2023 9:10am (Fraud)**
A business in the 600 block of Kinderkamack Road, reported to be the victim of check washing. The suspect(s) intercepted and changed the information of the check in the amount of \$7,419.58. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.
- **02/22/2023 3:27pm (Disturbance)**
Officers responded to 65 State Highway # 4 east on a reported disturbance. Building management wished to have a customer removed from the private property. Upon arrival of the officers the female customer left the area without incident.