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Monthly Police Blotter
10/01/2023-10/31/2023

The River Edge Police Department responded/initiated 1,135 calls for service between October 1, 2023, and October 31, 2023.

101- Motor Vehicle Stops

36- Motor Vehicle Crashes

43- Medical Assistance

18-Assisting the Fire Department

937-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.

- **10/06/2023 6:04pm (Fraud)**

A resident in the 300 block of Lee Avenue reported she was the victim of fraud by someone falsely identifying themselves as her and forwarding her mail to another state, to obtain her personal information. The victim was provided an identity theft booklet. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

- **10/11/2023 7:44am (Theft/Burglary)**

Officers responded to the 100 Block of Bogert Road for a report of theft/burglary from a motor vehicle. An investigation revealed an unknown actor(s) entered the victims unlocked motor vehicle during the overnight hours and ransacked it. At this time, it does not appear anything was taken. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

- **10/11/2023 12:09pm (Theft)**

Officers responded to the 300 block of Continental Avenue for a report of theft. The homeowner stated she received two packages on her front steps and when she returned home, they were missing. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

- **10/11/2023 2:02pm (Fraud)**

A resident from the 200 block of Wales Avenue reported being the victim of identity

theft. An unknown suspect(s) opened three lines of credit in his name. The victim was provided an identity theft booklet. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

- **10/13/2023 2:08am (Municipal Ordinance Violation)**
Sgt. Diamond observed a female urinating near the intersection of Grand Avenue & Hackensack Avenue. The female was issued a summons for urinating in public and released pending her appearance in River Edge Municipal Court.
- **10/13/2023 1:36pm (Shoplifting)**
The River Edge Police Department responded to Total Wine & More on a reported shoplifting. Store employees stated two unknown females took \$103.40 worth of merchandise and fled the store without paying. The suspects were last observed getting into an unknown vehicle and fleeing the area. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.
- **10/13/2023 2:19pm (Fraud)**
A resident in near the 100 block of Reservoir Avenue reported he was the victim of fraud by someone asking him to deposit a check for him. The victim deposited a fraudulent check into his checking account and sent prepaid gift cards to the suspect(s). The victim was provided an identity theft booklet. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.
- **10/13/2023 8:40pm (Warrant Arrest)**
P.O. Hall responded to the East Rutherford Police Department to take custody of a 47-year-old female from, East Rutherford, New Jersey, who was wanted on a River Edge warrant. The defendant was unable to post bail and was transported to the Bergen County Jail and turned over to the Bergen County Sheriff's Department.
- **10/14/2023 2:14am (DWI)**
Sgt. Diamond and P.O. Lee conducted a motor vehicle stop near the intersection of Grand Avenue and Kinderkamack Road. An investigation revealed Patrick McAndrews, from River Edge, New Jersey, was operating his vehicle under the influence. McAndrews was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, and released pending his appearance in River Edge Municipal Court.
- **10/14/2023 9:09am (Shoplifting)**
The River Edge Police Department responded to CVS Pharmacy on a reported shoplifting. Store employees stated an unknown male took multiple bottles of female products and fled the store. Management at CVS Pharmacy was unable to determine the amount of merchandise missing. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

- **10/17/2023 3:30pm (DWI)**
 Officers responded to a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Tenney Avenue and Kinderkamack Road. An investigation revealed the driver, John Verrier, from Oradell, New Jersey, was operating his vehicle intoxicated. Verrier was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was released pending his appearance in the River Edge Municipal Court.
- **10/18/2023 9:16am (Shoplifting)**
 P.O. Blue responded to the CVS Pharmacy, on a report of a shoplifting. P.O. Blue located the suspect Gus Galianos, from Emerson, New Jersey. An investigation revealed Galianos, took \$92.65 worth of merchandise and fled the store without paying. Galianos was arrested, charged with shoplifting, and released pending his appearance in River Edge Municipal Court.
- **10/18/2023 10:00pm (Robbery Attempt)**
 A resident in the 300 Block of Howland Avenue stated he just parked his vehicle and was walking to his front door when a stranger cut across his lawn and pointed a possible firearm at him. The suspect mumbled something to him and he was able to scare off the suspect. The suspect was last observed fleeing the area in an SUV. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.
- **10/21/2023 9:44am (Theft)**
 A resident in the 300 block of Taft Road, reported she responded to the CVS Pharmacy, 135 Kinderkamack Road, a secure UPS drop off location, to retrieve a package. Upon her approval her package was already picked up by an unidentified female. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.
- **10/23/2023 2:15pm (Fraud)**
 A resident in near the 900 block of Willow Avenue reported she was the victim of fraud by someone fraudulently utilizing her credit card. The suspect was also able to obtain access to a line of credit in her name. The victim was provided an identity theft booklet. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.
- **10/24/2023 10:01am (Public Intoxication)**
 Officers responded to the area of 1001 Main Street for a report of an intoxicated person. Officers located a 32-year-old female from, Paterson, New Jersey, who was heavily intoxicated. She was transported to a local hospital and turned over to the medical staff for treatment.
- **10/25/2023 8:11am (Shoplifting)**
 The River Edge Police Department responded to CVS Pharmacy, on a report of a shoplifting. Store employees stated an unknown male took \$314.88 worth of merchandise and fled the store towards State Highway # 4. P.O. Blue and P.O. Colucci, located the

suspect, Curtis J. Wheless, from Paterson, New Jersey, near State Highway # 4 west. Wheless was placed under arrest and charged with shoplifting. Wheless was transported to the Bergen County Jail, and turned over to the Bergen County Sheriff's Department.

- **10/29/2023 12:20am (Warrant Arrest)**

Officers responded to the 200 Block of Beech Drive South for a reported suspicious incident. Officers located a 50-year-old female from, Hackensack, New Jersey, in the area. Investigation revealed she was wanted out of South Hackensack and Little Ferry, New Jersey. She was arrested and transported to the River Edge Police Department for processing.

- **10/30/2023 9:38pm (Robbery Attempt)**

The River Edge Police Department responded to the Delta Gas Station, 536 Kinderkamack Road, for an unknown emergency. Investigation revealed the employee was approached by a stranger wearing all dark clothing and his face was covered. The employee stated the stranger appeared to be holding a firearm at him and mumbled something. The victim was able to get to safety and the suspect fled the suspect(s) were last seen fleeing the area in a vehicle south on Kinderkamack Road. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.