# **Borough of River Edge**

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#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Monthly Police Blotter 08/01/2024-08/31/2024

The River Edge Police Department responded/initiated 725 calls for service between August 1, 2024, and August 31, 2024.

- 157- Motor Vehicle Stops
- 26- Motor Vehicle Crashes
- 54- Medical Assistance
- 15- Fire Department Assistance
- 473-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.

#### • 08/07/2024 4:43am (Robbery)

The River Edge Police Department responded to the BP Gas Station, 525 Hackensack Avenue, on a reported robbery. Officers made contact with a male employee, who stated an unknown male presented a handgun and demanded money. The employee turned over an undisclosed amount of United States currency and the suspect fled south on Hackensack Avenue. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau and the Bergen County Prosecutors Office for a follow up investigation.

#### • 08/18/2024 2:27am (Stolen M.V.)

Officers responded to the New Bridge Landing Train Station on a reported stolen motorcycle. The victim reported parking the motorcycle around 11:00pm and upon his return at approximately 2:00am observed the motorcycle missing. The owner was in possession of the keys for the motorcycle. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

# • 08/19/2024 1:08pm (Fraud)

A resident from the 700 block of Sixth Avenue reported being the victim of fraud. An unknown suspect(s) deceived the victim into sending them United States Currency. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

# • 08/19/2024 4:46pm (Missing Persons)

Two residents from the 900 block of Bogert Road were reported missing by family members. Family members stated two elderly females (sisters) in their eighties went out to go shopping and never returned home. The missing sisters were located the following day in South Hampton, New York and reunited with family members at local hospital.

# • 08/22/2024 12:54pm (Fraud)

A resident in the 100 block of Concord Drive, reported he was the victim of fraud by someone fraudulently utilizing his PayPal account. 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.

#### • 08/23/2024 08:57am (Shoplifting)

The River Edge Police Department responded to 1001 Main Street, Total Wine & More, on a reported shoplifting. Store employees stated a male took merchandise totaling \$447.75, and fled the store without paying. The male was last seen walking towards Main Street. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

# • 08/23/2024 10:17am (Shoplifting)

The River Edge Police Department responded to 1001 Main Street, Total Wine & More, on a reported shoplifting. Store employees stated two males took merchandise totaling \$255.86, and fled the store without paying. The males were last seen getting into a vehicle bearing a New Jersey registration and fleeing the area. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

# • 08/23/2024 9:58pm (Theft)

A resident in the area of Reservoir Avenue and Bogert Road reported a package was stolen off his doorstep. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation. An investigation revealed Ray Paulino-Viola, from Paterson, New Jersey, took the package off the resident's doorstep and fled the area. Paulino-Viola was issued a criminal summons for theft.

#### • 08/24/2024 12:37am (Public Intoxication)

Officers responded to the area of Kinderkamack Road and Grand Avenue for a reported intoxicated party. Officers located a 31-year-old from, Mountain View, California, who was heavily intoxicated. He was transported to a local hospital and turned over to the medical staff for treatment.

# • 08/24/2024 09:29am (Burglary to a Motor Vehicle)

Officers responded to the 400 block of Windsor Road, on a report of a burglary to an unlocked motor vehicle during the overnight hours. No proceeds were reported taken from the vehicle. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

# • 08/24/2024 12:27 (Burglary to a Motor Vehicle)

Officers responded to the 400 block of Windsor Road, on a report of a burglary to an unlocked motor vehicle during the overnight hours. The owner reported \$25.00 in proceeds were taken from the vehicle. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

# • 08/25/2024 9:50am (Theft/Fraud)

A resident in the 100 block of Voorhis Avenue reported she was the victim of fraud/theft by someone taking a bank check out of the United States Postal System and washing it. The suspect cashed the check for a higher dollar amount. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

# • 08/27/2024 5:25pm (DWI)

P.O. Goez and P.O. Pizzanelli conducted a motor vehicle stop at 135 Kinderkamack Road, on a reported possible intoxicated driver. An investigation revealed Marco A. Luna-Velasquez, from River Edge, New Jersey, was operating his vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant. Luna-Velasquez was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, and released pending his appearance in Municipal Court.