

Borough of River Edge

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Monthly Police Blotter
02/01/25-02/28/25

The River Edge Police Department responded/initiated 932 calls for service between February 1, 2025, and February 28, 2025.

193- Motor Vehicle Stops

15- Motor Vehicle Crashes

45- Medical Assistance

11-Assisting the Fire Department

668-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.

- **02/05/2025 10:07pm (Warrant Arrest)**
P.O. Meade and P.O. Doran responded to the Emerson Police Department, which reported arresting a 21-year-old male from Hillsdale, New Jersey, on a criminal warrant out of River Edge. The defendant was unable to post bail and was transported to the Bergen County Jail, where he was turned over to the staff.
- **02/07/2025 4:42 PM (Theft)**
P.O. Goetz responded to CVS Pharmacy, 135 Kinderkamack Road, for a reported package theft. The victim stated he had purchased two electronic devices from an online store and had them shipped to CVS Pharmacy for pickup. The victim reported receiving a notification that his package was ready for pickup, only to find out that an unknown male suspect had retrieved it earlier in the day. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.
- **02/10/2025 12:19PM (Disorderly Person)**
Sgt. Diamond and P.O. Hamm responded to CVS Pharmacy, 135 Kinderkamack Road, for a reported disorderly person inside the store. Officers located a 31-year-old River Edge male who was verbally aggressive toward pharmacy staff. The male was asked to leave the store and was given a trespass warning, preventing him from returning.
- **02/12/2025 5:27pm (Shoplifting)**
The River Edge Police Department responded to Palmer Ace Hardware, 940 Kinderkamack Road, on a reported shoplifting. Store employees stated an unknown male

took merchandise totaling \$519.98, and fled the store without paying. The male was last seen getting into a black Volkswagen and fleeing the area. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

- **02/14/2025 2:52pm (Fraud)**

A resident on North Drive, reported he was the victim of fraud by someone fraudulently changing his New Jersey Driver's License 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.

- **02/14/2025 9:15pm (Trespassing)**

A resident in the 400 block of Bogert Road reported seeing footprints in the snow on her property. The resident also reported seeing a white vehicle make a U-turn in a neighbor's driveway, then pull up in front of her dwelling and take photographs. This suspicious incident was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow-up investigation.

- **02/15/2025 5:47pm (Fraud)**

Officers responded to 1001 Main Street, Total Wine & More, on a report of a suspicious incident. Store employees stated a male attempted to use a stolen credit card from Yonkers, New York, and when the \$3,000.00 transaction was declined, he fled the store. Officers attempted to search for the suspect with negative results. This suspicious incident was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for follow-up investigation.

- **02/18/2025 3:11pm (Warrant Arrest)**

P.O. Escudero conducted a motor vehicle stop at Bogert Road and Oswego Place. An investigation revealed that the driver, a 20-year-old female from Palisades Park, New Jersey, was wanted out of Teaneck, New Jersey. The defendant was unable to post bail and was released on her own recognizance pending her new court date.

- **02/20/2025 11:21am (Theft/Fraud)**

A business on Ackerson Street reported being the victim of fraud and theft after a bank check was stolen from the United States Postal Service and altered. The suspect cashed the check under a different name. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow-up investigation.

- **02/22/2025 10:59pm (Shoplifting)**

Sgt. Prisendorf and P.O. Mastropiero responded to CVS Pharmacy, 135 Kinderkamack Road, for a report of shoplifting. P.O. Mastropiero located the suspect, Curtis Wheless III from Paterson, New Jersey, in front of the store. An investigation revealed that Wheless took \$229.14 worth of merchandise and fled the store without paying. Wheless was arrested, charged with shoplifting, and released on his own recognizance pending his appearance in the Superior Court of New Jersey.

- **02/25/25 1:20pm (Fraud)**

A resident in the 900 block of Elm Avenue, reported she was the victim of fraud by someone fraudulently withdrawing funds out of his bank 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.

- **02/26/2025 12:29pm (Theft/Fraud)**

A resident on Demarest Place reported being the victim of fraud and theft after a bank check was stolen from the United States Postal Service and altered. The suspect cashed the check under a different name and for a different dollar amount. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow-up investigation.

- **02/27/25 8:41pm (Public Intoxication)**

Officers responded to the area of 900 block of 5th Avenue, for a reported intoxicated party. Officers located a 55-year-old from, River Edge, New Jersey, who was heavily intoxicated. He was subsequently transported to a local hospital for treatment.

- **02/28/2025 1:23am (DWI)**

Officer Colucci conducted a motor vehicle stop on Midland Avenue, near the intersection of Myrtle Avenue, for multiple motor vehicle violations. An investigation revealed Kareem Sallam, from Paramus, New Jersey was operating his vehicle under the influence. Sallam was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, and released pending his appearance in River Edge Municipal Court.