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Monthly Police Blotter
09/01/2024-09/30/2024

The River Edge Police Department responded/initiated 1025 calls for service between September 1, 2024, and September 31, 2024.

145- Motor Vehicle Stops

30- Motor Vehicle Crashes

46- Medical Assistance

21- Fire Department Assistance

783-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.

- **09/01/2024 6:34pm (Shoplifting)**

The River Edge Police Department responded to 135 Kinderkamack Road, CVS Pharmacy, on a reported shoplifting. Store employees stated an unknown males took merchandise totaling \$657.96, and fled the store without paying. The males were last seen getting into a sedan and fleeing the area. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

- **09/03/2024 11:09pm (Eluding)**

P.O. Goetz and P.O. Ciccone, attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop on New Bridge Road. The driver never stopped and eluded P.O. Goetz and P.O. Ciccone. Officers terminated the pursuit under the New Jersey Attorney General Guidelines. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

- **09/04/2024 10:14am (Forgery)**

The River Edge Police Department responded to 913 Kinderkamack Road, Affinity Federal Credit Union, on a report of fraud. Store employees stated a female was attempting to withdraw United States Currency from account by utilizing a fraudulent government document as identification. Officers made contact with Xiaona Wen, from Flushing, New York and confirmed she was in possession of fraudulent government documents and was subsequently arrested. Wen was charged with assuming false identity, knowingly exhibit false government documents, transporting property derived

from a crime, forgery and tampering with records. Wen was transported to the Bergen County Jail pending her appearance in Bergen County Superior Court.

- **09/06/2024 10:00am (Shoplifting)**

The River Edge Police Department responded to 1001 Main Street, Total Wine & More, on a reported shoplifting in the past. Store employees stated a male took merchandise totaling \$119.98, and returned to the store. The male was identified as Luis E. Otero, from Hackensack, New Jersey and was subsequently arrested. Otero was charged on a criminal summons and released pending his appearance in River Edge Municipal Court.

- **09/06/2024 12:55pm (DWI)**

Sgt. Diamond, P.O. Escudero, and P.O. Doran responded to the intersection of Grand Avenue and Johnson Avenue on a reported unconscious driver at the stop sign. An investigation revealed Mark Frenkel, from Teaneck, New Jersey, was operating his vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant. Frenkel was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, and transported to a local hospital for treatment.

- **09/07/2024 9:13pm (Motor Vehicle Crash/DWI)**

Sgt. Abate, P.O. Goetz, and P.O. Mastropiero responded to the intersection of Main Street and Kinderkamack Road on a report of a motor vehicle crash. An investigation revealed Brian C. Otto from Park Ridge, New Jersey, crashed his motor vehicle into another motor vehicle. Otto was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, and released pending his appearance in River Edge Municipal Court.

- **09/25/2024 4:59pm (Burglary)**

Officers responded to the 200 Block of Howland Avenue, for a reported burglary in the past. An unknown suspect(s) entered the dwelling through a window. The dwelling was ransacked and the suspect took an undisclosed amount of proceeds. The matter was forwarded to the River Edge Police Department Detective Bureau for a follow up investigation.

- **09/25/2024 6:39pm (Municipal Ordinance Violation)**

The River Edge Police Department responded to the 200 block of Lozier Terrace for a male knocking on doorbells. An investigation revealed he was soliciting without a permit. The male was issued a summons for a violation of the municipal ordinance and released pending his appearance in River Edge Municipal Court.

- **09/27/2024 9:57am (Fraud)**

A resident in the 100 block of Woodland Avenue, reported he was the victim of fraud by someone fraudulently utilizing his Crypto account and transferring funds out of it. 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.

- **09/29/2024 3:40am (DWI)**

Sgt. Diamond and Officer Roman conducted a motor vehicle stop on New Bridge Road, for several motor vehicle violations. An investigation revealed Alejandro Herrera-Ponce,

from Closter, New Jersey was operating his vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant. Herrera-Ponce was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, and released pending his appearance in River Edge Municipal Court.