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7-9-2011 – Police are investigating a report of a dog bite to a resident of New Providence. The report states the victim was walking through the parking lot of Our Lady of Peace on South Street when a dog being walked by a couple attacked him and bite him on his left hamstring. The dog was on a retractable leash at the time of the bite. The dog is described as a small, white dog, with brown spots. The couple is described as a white male in his 50's that was wearing a florescent green hat and a white woman in her 50's that was wearing a pink shirt. Anyone that possibly witnessed this incident or can identify those involved is asked to contact the New Providence Police at 908-665-1111.

7-18-2011 – Patrolman Andrew Diamond located a stolen vehicle, a 2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer, in a Springfield Avenue driveway that had been reported stolen in Newark in 2008. The recovery of this vehicle lead to several charges to the individual who originally reported the vehicle stolen in Newark. Jose Leon, 70, of Newark was charged with theft by deception and simulation of an insurance identification card. The charges stem from Mr. Leon selling the alleged stolen vehicle to a resident of New Providence in 2008 for \$6700 and advised the resident that he was having a problem with the bank and could not release the title to him. During the time period that the resident had the vehicle, Mr. Leon provided fraudulent temporary license plates and fraudulent insurance identification cards while the resident believed he was waiting for the title. Mr. Leon currently has a warrant for his arrest with bail set at \$15,000.

7-19-11 – Detective Stephen Drown charged Shanakay Bignott, 21, of Newark with two counts of theft by deception and two counts of identity theft. The charges stem from Ms. Bignott utilizing the identity of her former roommate on two occasions in February with her North Carolina driver's license, to withdraw \$2000 from her savings account at a credit union in New Providence. Ms. Bignott was arrested and released with a pending court date at the Union County Superior Court.

7-19-11 – Patrolman Michael Scuorzo arrested Gita Bajaj, 52, of Guttenberg on an outstanding warrant out of Trenton in the amount of \$3500. Gita Bajaj was originally stopped for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration on Diamond Hill Road.

7-20-11 – A 17 year old juvenile male from New Providence was charged with shoplifting and underage possessing of alcohol after stealing a case of beer from M & M Liquors. As the juvenile attempted to flee the store with the beer, two witnesses stopped him in the parking lot as he was fleeing to a waiting vehicle. The

juvenile was released to a parent with a pending court date at the Union County Family Court.

7-20-11 – Patrolman Chad Wilson charged Stephen Zimmerman, 18, of New Providence with underage possession of alcohol and for violating his provisional driver's license. The charges stem from Patrolman Wilson investigating a suspicious vehicle parked in a school parking lot at 11:45 pm.

7-20-11 – A resident of Murray Hill Farms reported that her 2002 Audi S4 was stolen from her parking area sometime during the night. Anyone that possibly witnessed this theft is asked to contact the New Providence Police at 908-665-1111.

7-25-11 – Patrolman Joseph DiParisi charged WC Cramer, 27, of Piscataway with leaving the scene of a motor vehicle crash, failing to report a motor vehicle crash and careless driving. The charges stem from a witness observing Mr. Cramer crashing into a curb and knocking over a street sign by Springfield Avenue by Constantine Place. Mr. Cramer continued traveling west on Springfield Avenue after the crash but was stopped by Patrols on Springfield Avenue by Ridgeview Avenue.

7-26-11 – A resident of Grant Avenue reported that a vase was stolen from his basement between 7-19-11 and 7-23-11. This case is being investigated by the detective bureau.

7-28-11 – Detective Donald Sretenovic charged Shannon Cook, 26, of Gillette with possession of a controlled dangerous substance. The charges stem from a resident of Sagamore Drive locating cocaine in their bathroom after being away. The residents indicated that Ms. Cook was their pet sitter was the only person in their residence while they were away. Ms. Cook was released with a pending court date at the Union County Superior Court.