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9-5-12 – Detective Stephen Drown has charged Melanie Walsh, 23, of Randolph and Richard Ricciardi Jr., 40, of Newark with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree computer theft, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree trafficking of personal identifying information, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree theft by deception, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree wrongful impersonation and 4th degree credit card theft. Mr. Ricciardi Jr. was also charged with possessing hypodermic needles and other paraphernalia items utilized for injecting a controlled dangerous substance. The charges stem from a report from August 25<sup>th</sup> of suspicious banking activity from a credit union located in the Borough. The credit union reported Melanie Walsh was attempting to withdraw money from her account after she had transferred \$72,000.00 from a business where she was employed as an office manager. The unauthorized transfer was made via a laptop computer five minutes prior to her arrival at the credit union at a public WiFi connection in the Borough. Items located during an on scene consent search included spread sheets and hand written notes with personal information of over 70 individuals, credit card numbers and checks from several victims, maps of other financial institutions and directions to flee the country to Mexico. Mr. Ricciardi Jr. fled the scene during patrols initial investigation. A warrant was issued for Mr. Ricciardi's arrest and he was later captured in Newark by the Morris County Sheriffs Department. Mr. Ricciardi Jr. is currently logged in the Morris County Jail. After a search warrant was issued to search the vehicle operated by Melanie Walsh and Richard Ricciardi Jr. Detectives recovered several items that were reported stolen from a residential burglary in Rockaway Borough earlier in the month. The investigation is still on going and further charges may be filed against the pair.

9-7-12 – Patrolman Andrew Diamond arrested Christopher Smith, 35, of Newark on an outstanding warrant out of the City of Newark. The warrant was located during a motor vehicle stop on Diamond Hill Road. Mr. Smith was also charged with operating a vehicle without insurance and while his license was suspended. Mr. Smith was released after posting bail.

9-8-12 – Patrolman Andrew Diamond arrested Anthony Murray, 23, of Brentwood, NY on outstanding warrants out of Scotch Plains, Sparta and Westfield. The warrants were located during a motor vehicle stop on Union Avenue where Mr. Murray was a passenger in the vehicle. He was released after posting bail.

9-12-12 – Patrolman Joseph DiParisi charged John Iantosca, 55, of Chatham with driving while intoxicated. The charges stem from the officer observing Mr. Iantosca operating his vehicle in a reckless manner on Diamond Hill Road and Union Avenue. Mr. Iantosca was also charged with refusal to submit to breath tests, reckless driving, failure to wear his seatbelt, failure to signal a turn and failing to keep right.

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9-12-12 – A Central Avenue resident reported a motor vehicle burglary sometime between 10:45 PM on September 11th and 8:45 AM on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Entry to the vehicle was gained to the vehicle through an open window.

9-13-12 – Patrolman Michael Hand responded to Ridgeview Avenue on a reported hit and run motor vehicle crash. The victim stated that she observed a vehicle drive over her lawn and garbage cans. A witness followed the vehicle and was able to describe the vehicle and give a license plate. An investigation revealed that a 17 year old juvenile was responsible for the crash. He was issued summonses for leaving the scene of a crash, failure to report a crash and careless driving.

9-14-12 – A landscaper working on Hickson Drive reported the theft of a leaf blower valued at \$600.00 from his work truck while crews were mowing lawns.

9-15-12 – Patrolman Andrew Diamond charged Nicholas Heilman, 50, of South Plainfield with driving while intoxicated. The charges stem from Patrolman Diamond observing the vehicle operating in an unsafe manner on South Street. He was also charged with careless driving. Mr. Heilman was released to a family member with a pending court date.

9-15-12 – Patrolman Andrew Diamond took a 14 year old juvenile into protective custody after observing him urinating in the middle of Academy Street. He was released to his parents.