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3-20-2013 – A Gales Drive resident reported that his Hotmail, e-mail account, was hacked and 11,600 scam e-mails were sent out from it. The hackers also attempted to create an online bank account. Through an investigation from Microsoft, his e-mail was hacked from somewhere in California. Any resident that is the victim of similar scams is requested to enter the information about the incident into the FBI's database at www.IC3.gov.

3-20-2013 – Patrols responded to Seven Oaks Drive on a report of a solicitor going door to door. Upon patrols arrival, they observed the individual at the front door of a residence. Patrolman Michael Scurzo charged William Ortiz, 36, of Jersey City with soliciting without a permit. He was released with a pending court date. Solicitors are required to obtain a permit from the Borough before going door to door. The permit will be displayed by the solicitor if it is approved by the Borough.

3-21-2013 – A Maple Street resident reported that one of her credit cards was being used on a web site to attempt a \$33,000 purchase worth of computers a business located in Tampa, Florida. The shipping address was located in Ault, Colorado. The suspect made several attempts to purchase the \$33,000 worth of computers but was only able to purchase the credit card's maximum charge of \$10,000. The items were shipped to the Colorado address and the Ault, Colorado Police Department was notified to attempt to intercept the delivery. It is believed that the suspects were going to attempt to pick up the package of the fraudulently ordered items before the homeowners of the shipping address listed returned home.

3-22-2013 – Patrolman Michael Hand arrested Christopher Ferrara, 51, of Piscataway on outstanding warrants out of Madison, Piscataway, Chester, Plainfield and Old Bridge. The warrants were located during a motor vehicle stop for equipment violations and driving while suspended. He was released after posting bail and with a pending court date.

3-24-2013 – Patrols responded to a Springfield Avenue parking lot on a report from a concerned resident of a group of juveniles brandishing weapons that included a machete, crossbow and a slingshot. Patrols located the juveniles with the reported items. Three of the juveniles were from New Providence, one juvenile was from Scotch Plains, one was from Westfield and one was from Annandale. The items were confiscated and the juveniles were turned over to a parent. The juveniles stated that they purchased all the items earlier in the day at a flea market in Pennsylvania.

3-25-2013 – A Borough Supermarket reported that an unidentified woman stole \$150.00 worth of groceries at 10:10 AM. The suspect placed the items in plastic bags that she had brought and then exited the store through the entrance. The suspect is described as a white female in her 50's with black hair. She was wearing a purple, winter coat and dark color pants. Surveillance video was obtained of the suspect and the detective bureau is investigating the report.

3-25-2013 – Patrolman Michael Scuorzo arrested Janet Ammitzboll, 43, of New Providence on an outstanding warrant out of Long Hill Township. The warrant was located during a random license plate inquiry on Mountain Avenue. She was released after posting bail.

3-26-2013 – Patrolman Michael Scuorzo arrested Crystal LaRoche, 32, of Edison for operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license a second time after being suspended from a DWI conviction, hindering apprehension and on an outstanding warrant out of Edison. The arrest stems from a motor vehicle stop on Hillary Place for a random license plate inquiry that provided a result that the registered owner of the vehicle had a suspended driver's license. During the traffic stop, the driver of the vehicle provided the officer with a false name and could not produce identification. After an investigation that revealed that the driver was providing false information she was taken into custody. She was also charged with driving while suspended and failing to install an interlock device on her vehicle. She was released after posting bail.

3-26-2013 – A Union Avenue resident reported that someone had attempted to utilize her debit card to make a \$3,127 purchase at a casino in Niagara Falls, NY. She notified her financial institution that she was not in Niagara Falls and the charges were fraudulent.

3-27-2013 – Sergeant Frank Gaffney charged James McFarland, 48, of Basking Ridge for soliciting without a permit on Laurel Drive. The charges were filed after a complaint from a resident. He was released with a pending court date.

3-28-2013 – A Seven Oaks Drive resident reported that at 7:14 PM while walking her dog on Stoneridge Drive, a loose dog ran up from behind them and severely attacked her dog. The attacking dog got loose from another residence on Stoneridge Drive. Patrols transported the injured dog to the Murray Hill Veterinary Associates where emergency care was performed. The attacking dog's owners were charged with having a dog at large and unlicensed dog. Animal Control was notified immediately of the incident and will be conducting a follow up investigation.

4-3-2013 – Detective Stephen Drown charged Mark Wagner, 50, of South Plainfield with theft. The charges were filed after a business located at 1260 Springfield Avenue reported that numerous items that were temporarily being stored behind the store in a box truck were stolen on 4-1-2013 at 10:43 PM. A witness was able to obtain the license plate of the vehicle. All items were located and returned to the business. Mr. Wagner was released with a pending court date.

4-3-2013 – A resident of 851 Springfield Avenue reported to police that she believes that someone stole \$5,900 worth of jewelry from her apartment sometime between March 19th and April 2nd. The detective bureau is investigating this report.

4-3-2013 – An Elkwood Avenue resident reported receiving a scam phone call with the suspect claiming to have a warrant for her arrest for an online purchase she made in 2006 and she owed \$7500. The caller then went on to say that she could satisfy the whole amount if she paid \$4500 now. She then advised the caller that she was contacting her local law enforcement agency and disconnected. The phone number calling her was from 805-area code which is a southern California number. Detective Bureau is investigating.