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5-31-2013- Patrolman Michael Scurzo arrested Stephanie Kaminski, 22, of Perth Amboy on outstanding warrants out of Rahway and Old Bridge Municipal Courts. The warrants were located during a traffic stop for equipment violations on Union Avenue. She was also issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle while her license was suspended. She was released after posting bail.

5-31-2013 – A Lincoln Lane resident reported that at 5:52 PM she observed three white males standing by her shed with items in their hands. She stated that her shed was burglarized, and she believed that an item that one of the males was holding was from her shed. The resident confronted the males and they fled to a vehicle that was waiting in the New Providence Memorial Library parking lot. She described one of the males as a tall 17 year old, wearing red t-shirt and a back pack. The vehicle that the suspects fled to was described as a silver, Volkswagen Jetta. According to the resident, the vehicle fled the library parking lot at a high rate of speed.

Shortly after this report, at 6:10 PM, patrols responded to Charnwood Road, on a report of a motor vehicle burglary. The resident advised patrols that the vehicle's doors and hood had been opened and the interior of the vehicle was rummaged through. The detective bureau is investigating both of these incidents. If anyone has information on either of these reports is asked to contact the police department at 908-665-1111.

6-4-13 – A Midvale Drive resident reported several harassing phone calls to her residence. She indicated that she contacted the number calling her back and heard, what she described, as a recording of her own voice being played back to her. She stated that she then text messaged the number, and received unusual responses back indicating that the other person knew who she was. The detective bureau is investigating this report.

6-5-2013 – At 1:26 AM, Corporal Jason Labaska was on patrol and located a suspicious green, Dodge Caravan, without any license plates in a Mountain Avenue business parking area. While checking the area and the vehicle, Corporal Labaska retrieved the VIN of the vehicle. The VIN returned a result that the vehicle was a felony vehicle, stolen in Verona, and used during the course of several crimes. The vehicle was turned over as evidence to the Verona Police Department to be processed.

6-7-2013 – A Deerfield Road resident reported the theft of a license plate from his 2008 BMW.

6-7-2013 – A Barnegat resident reported a license plate stolen off a 2007 Dodge Dakota that was parked in a driveway on Brier Court.

6-8-2013 – Patrols responded to Clinton Avenue on a report of a motor vehicle burglary to a 2006 Acura that occurred sometime between 6-7-2013 at 6:00 PM and 10:00 AM on 6-8-2013. Reported stolen from the vehicle was a GPS unit, a Gucci purse, Gucci Sunglasses case, sunglasses, a Ralph Lauren purse and a stainless steel watch.

6-9-2013 – Patrols responded to Diane Court on a report of a hit and run motor vehicle crash. The victim stated that they were on Passaic Street and were struck from behind while stopped at a red light. The victim stated that the vehicle that struck her then drove around her vehicle onto South Street. The victim then followed the vehicle to Diane Court where the other driver went into a residence and would not answer the door. Patrols identified the driver as Victoria Pukas, 55, of New Providence. She was charged with careless driving, leaving the scene of a motor vehicle crash and failing to report a motor vehicle crash.

6-11-2013 – Corporal Chad Wilson charged Nicholas Neilan, 23, of East Hanover with possession of a prohibited weapon and unlawful possession of weapons. The charges were a result of Corporal Wilson and Patrolman Joseph DiParisi investigating Mr. Neilan for suspicious incidents at 3:25 AM and 3:51 AM while operating a 1997 Ford Taurus. Corporal Wilson conducted a motor vehicle stop on Gales Drive. During the investigation, Corporal Wilson located a 3” dagger in the pocket of Mr. Neilan and Patrolman DiParisi located a 10” machete style knife on the floorboard of the vehicle. Mr. Neilan was processed and released with a pending court date at the Union County Superior Court. He was also issued a summons for violating a provisional license and utilizing a handheld device while driving.