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9-3-2013 – Patrolman Andrew Diamond charged Quadir “Abdulqadi” English, 33, of East Orange with possession of marijuana. The charges stem from Patrolman Diamond observing Mr. English smoking marijuana at the Murray Hill Train Station while he was conducting a security check of the building. Mr. English also had an outstanding warrant out of Glen Ridge. He was released with a pending court date.

9-4-2013 – Patrolman Andrew Diamond arrested Mark Girgis, 32, of Madison on an outstanding warrant out of Newark. The warrant was located during a motor vehicle stop off of Springfield Avenue. Mr. Girgis was issued a summons for driving while suspended and was released after posting bail.

9-4-2013 – Patrolman Bryce Garrison arrested Nicholas Snarski, 22, of Newark on outstanding warrants out of Kearney and South Orange. The warrants were located during a motor vehicle stop on Springfield Avenue. He was released after posting bail. During the same motor vehicle stop, Corporal Opalewski arrested Brendan Adinaro, 23, of South Orange on an outstanding warrant out of Maplewood.

9-6-2013 – A resident of Hickson Drive reported that someone was attempting to scam her by telephone. She stated that she received a call from an individual that was posing as the Chief Investigation Officer of the IRS. He advised her that she was being investigated for fraudulent tax returns and had to wire \$2, 694.45 to him or the authorities would respond to arrest her. The caller advised her to wire the money via Western Union. The resident terminated the call and contacted her husband and they did not participate in the scam.

9-7-2013 – Patrolman David Rodriguez arrested Dykon Elliot, 34, of Jersey City on outstanding warrants out of Jersey City, Bridgewater and Asbury Park. The warrants were located during a motor vehicle stop on Mountain Avenue. He was also issued a summons for driving while suspended. He was released after posting bail.

9-8-2013 – The New Providence Police, Fire Department and Rescue Squad responded to 68 High Street on a report of a structure fire. Upon patrols arrival, officers observed flames coming from a basement window that were spreading to the side of the residence. The fire departments responded and were able to contain the fire to the basement area. Fire departments from Berkeley Heights, Summit, Chatham Borough, Watchung and Fanwood also responded to assist. JCP&L and PSE&G responded to cut the utilities off to the residence. The residents that were home at the time of the fire reported hearing a loud bang from the basement and were able to evacuate the residence. The Union County Arson Unit was requested to respond to determine the cause of the fire which has been determined to have started as an electrical fire in the basement.

9-10-2013 – Patrolman Andrew Diamond arrested Calvin Beale Jr., 32, of Piscataway on outstanding warrants from South Bound Brook and Berkeley Heights. The warrants were located during a motor vehicle stop on Diamond Hill Road. He was also charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver’s license and operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle. He was transported to the Union County Jail.

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9-10-2013 – Patrols responded to the New Providence Train Station at 12:07 PM on a report of criminal mischief. Upon arrival, patrols were directed to the pedestrian tunnel and side walk that were damaged with graffiti. Anyone that may have witnessed anything suspicious during this time period are requested to contact the New Providence Police at 908-665-1111 or the New Jersey Transit Police Department at 1-800-242-0236.

9-10-2013 – Patrols responded to a bomb threat that was called into a Springfield Avenue business at 7:23 PM. The caller advised an employee of the business that there were bombs located in the store and would be activated if the employee did not provide him with “Green Dot Moneypaks” which are pre-paid cards. Patrols evacuated the business as a K-9 unit from the Union County Sheriff’s Office responded to search for explosive devices. The search revealed no explosives in the store. Currently the Detective Bureau, the Union County Prosecutor’s Office and FBI are investigating this incident.

9-10-2013 – Detective Donald Sretenovic charged Paul Taramona, 31, of North Bergen with 3rd degree theft by deception, 4th degree fraudulent use of a credit card and 3rd degree credit card theft. The charges stem from an investigation beginning in July when a Mountain Avenue business reported that an employee utilized a credit card for a trip to San Diego, restaurants and a weeklong hotel stay in Piscataway. Mr. Taramona attempted to charge over \$6,000.00 but was only able to charge approximately \$2,200.00 before the unauthorized transactions were noticed. He was released with a pending court date.

9-11-2013 – At 11:59 AM, Detective Donald Sretenovic and Patrolman Bryce Garrison were investigating a report from a citizen that juveniles were possibly utilizing narcotics on William Street. As officers were checking the area, they observed a group of juveniles that matched the description given by the caller in the spillway alongside Veteran’s Park. As Detective Sretenovic and Patrolman Garrison approached the group of juveniles, one of the juveniles dropped drug paraphernalia on the ground and one juvenile ran from the scene. Two Borough juveniles, age 15 and 16, were taken into protective custody for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia and were charged. An 18 year old Borough resident, Joao Schettini, was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. The juveniles were released to their parents and Mr. Schettini was released with a pending court date.

9-15-2013 – Corporal Chad Wilson charged Alfredo Saurini, 45, of Springfield with driving while intoxicated. The charges stem from Mr. Saurini improperly passing a vehicle on Springfield Avenue. He was also issued a summons for careless driving a refusing to submit to submit breath tests.

9-16-2013 – A Sagamore Drive resident reported being a victim of a Craigslist scam. The victim reported that someone bought a \$60.00 item that she had listed on Craigslist. The purchaser overpaid the resident by sending a \$2830.00 check and advised her that their secretary made a mistake. The scammer requested that the resident deposit the check and send the overpayment back to them via Western Union. As the resident attempted to deposit the check, the bank advised her that the check was fraudulent.

9-17-2013 – Sergeant Justine Kennedy arrested David Barbour, 45, of Brooklyn on outstanding warrants out of East Orange and Newark. The charges were located during a motor vehicle stop for speeding on Division Avenue. He was also issued a summons for driving with a suspended license.

9-17-2013 – Patrols took a report of an advertising scam that occurred in May. The report indicated that a man was going around to Borough businesses selling advertising space in a local school district’s folders that are sent home weekly with students. The company was supposed to supply 2,000 folders with the advertisement at the beginning of the school year. Upon learning that the folders were not delivered, attempts were made to contact the company with no response. If any other business or individuals may be a victim of a similar incident, please contact the New Providence Detective Bureau at 908-665-1111.