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12-12-2013 – The New Providence Police Department is currently investigating 3 motor vehicle burglary reports and one stolen vehicle report from Salem Road residents. Two residents reported that sometime during the early morning hours of 12-12-2013, they observed that their vehicles contents had been rummaged through. A third resident reported that one of his vehicles was burglarized and his 2005 Nissan 350 Z had been stolen from his driveway. The resident who reported that his vehicle was stolen reported that his dog was barking at approximately 2:00 AM, but did not realize his vehicle was stolen until later in the morning. All vehicles were most likely unlocked. The keys were left in the vehicle that was stolen. If anyone may have witnessed anything suspicious on Salem Road or surrounding areas on 12-12-2013 they are asked to contact the New Providence Police at 908-665-1111.

12-11-2013 – Detective Donald Sretenovic and Patrolman Andrew Diamond charged Curtis Morrow, 21, of Elizabeth with the use of a controlled dangerous substance and Brandon Pokhan, 20, of Newark with the possession of a weapon. The charges stem from officers observing a headlight out and the operator performing an illegal U-turn on South Street. Officers also located a fraudulent inspection sticker on the vehicle. During the stop, officers detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the motor vehicle. While investigating the odor officers determined Morrow was under the influence of marijuana.

12-6-2013 – A Walnut Street resident reported that he was almost the victim of an internet scam. He stated that he received a call from an unknown individual that stated that his computer was slow and if it was not fixed it would crash. The victim turned on his computer and observed that someone was remotely logged into his computer. The caller advised the victim that he would have to pay \$99 to have the problem fixed and could use a VISA card. A female then got on the phone and advised the victim that he should go to a Western Union location and send a money order to a location in India. When the victim told the caller that he could not get out to get a money order, the caller then threatened to crash his computer, set his house on fire and ruin his phone line. The victim hung up the phone and ended the call. It is unknown how the caller accessed the victim's computer. It is recommended that residents make sure their computers are properly equipped with up to date protection services, to possibly prevent these occurrences from happening.

11-30-2013 – Patrolman Andrew Diamond charged Benjamin Flint, 21, of New Providence with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. The charges stem from a motor vehicle stop on Diamond Hill Road after Patrolman Diamond observed a narcotic transaction. During the stop,

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Patrolman Diamond observed Mr. Flint attempting to conceal white, wax folds, by stuffing them in his right pocket. After observing this, Patrolman Diamond removed Mr. Flint from the vehicle. Three full wax folds of a substance believed to be heroin and four empty wax folds were located in his pocket. Mr. Flint was released with a pending court date at the Union County Superior Court.

11-29-2013 – A South Street church reported that someone attempted to gain entry into a secured office. The pastor of the church indicated that there were pry marks by the dead bolt on the door and jam. The attempted burglary occurred sometime between 11-28-13 at 10:00 AM and 11-29-13 at 1030 hours. Nothing was reported missing from the church at this time. If anyone may have witnessed this incident are requested to contact the New Providence Police Department at 908-665-1111.

11-27-2013 – Corporal Jason Labaska arrested Stephen Theis, 25, of Queens, NY on an outstanding warrant out of Montclair. The warrant was located during a motor vehicle stop for moving violations on Mountain Avenue. Mr. Theis was also issued several summonses and was released after posting bail.

11-27-2013 – Patrolman David Rodriguez charged Christopher Miccolis, 43, of Summit with possession of a controlled dangerous substance. The charges stem from Patrolman Rodriguez observing Mr. Miccolis fail to stop at a stop sign on Springfield Avenue cutting two other vehicles off. Mr. Miccolis was also seen throwing debris from the driver's side window. While Patrolman Rodriguez was speaking with Mr. Miccolis, he smelled a strong odor of raw marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. During the investigation, Mr. Miccolis presented a sunglasses case that contained a small quantity of marijuana. He was released with a court date and several motor vehicle summonses.