

# MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



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**Key:** (A) Arrested (V) Victim (W) Witness (O) Other (D) Driver (JM) Juvenile Male (JF) Juvenile Female (ROR) Released on Own Recognizance (ROB) Released on Bail (RTP) Released to Parent (HRMC) Hackettstown Regional Medical Center (SCH) St. Clare's Hosp. (MMC) Morristown Medical Center (MCCF) Morris Co. Correctional Facility (MCJDC) Morris Co. Juv. Detention Center

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| <b>Incident/Event:</b>  | Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia |
| <b>Date:</b>            | January 7, 2017                                      |
| <b>Location:</b>        | Rt. 206 Flanders, NJ                                 |
| <b>Investigated by:</b> | Cpl. Jessica Groblewski                              |
| <b>Involved:</b>        | Mr. Brian M. Flax (A), 21 Y M, Bridgewater, NJ       |

On January 7, 2017 at 11:00 pm, Cpl. Groblewski observed a 2011 Subaru traveling south on Rt. 206 with a non-functioning headlight. Cpl. Groblewski initiated a motor vehicle stop of the Subaru in the area of Mt. Olive Exxon. Cpl. Groblewski made contact with the driver, who was identified as Mr. Flax. As Cpl. Groblewski spoke with Mr. Flax she detected the odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle. Mr. Flax was asked to step out of the vehicle, and a search was conducted. The search yielded a plastic "Smoke Buddy" filter, two metal grinders, a glass jar containing suspected marijuana, a glass bong, and cigar wrappers. Mr. Flax was subsequently placed under arrest, and transported to police headquarters. Mr. Flax was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of CDS in a Motor Vehicle, and Maintenance of Lamps. Mr. Flax was released pending a court hearing.

*All parties listed above are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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