

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

Incident/Event:	Criminal Sexual Contact
Date:	January 21, 2018
Location:	Adams Hot Bagels and Grill 41 Rt. 46 Budd Lake, NJ
Investigated by:	Detective David Hering
Involved:	Mr. Bajram F. Leka (A), 58 YO M, Blairstown, NJ

On January 21, 2018 at 2:38 pm, two JMs, accompanied by a parent, came to police headquarters to file a complaint. The JMs reported that they both were employed at Adams Hot Bagels and Grill in Budd Lake, and during their time at work were approached and touched inappropriately by a supervisor identified by the JMs as Mr. Bajram Leka. The subsequent investigation into the incident by the Mt. Olive Twp. Investigations Division determined that there was a third JM that also had been the victim of similar behavior by Mr. Leka while employed at the business. Detectives made contact with Mr. Leka, and a short time later Mr. Leka turned himself in to police. Mr. Leka was charged with three counts of Criminal Sexual Contact, and was lodged in the Morris County Correctional Facility pending a court hearing. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact the Mt. Olive Twp. Police.

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

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Incident/Event:	Continued Closing of the Flanders Drakestown Rd. Bridge
Date:	January 22, 2018

As many motorists are already aware, the Flanders Drakestown Bridge project is still underway leaving the roadway closed to all traffic. Construction delays as well as poor weather have only added time and frustration to those that use this roadway on a daily basis. Before its closure late last year, the bridge was utilized by an estimated 950 vehicle per day. The detour set in place on Wolfe Road takes traffic to Route 46, Naughtright Road, Bartley-Drakestown Road, and to River Road. Although inconvenient, it was the safest route possible to accommodate the high volume of traffic the bridge used to handle.

Currently, a high number of motorists are not utilizing the proper detour routes and taking "short cuts" through roadways that are not equipped to handle such a high flow of vehicular traffic. The biggest safety issue at this point is the use of Stephens Mill Road. This roadway in particular is extremely narrow and the high volume is now taking its toll on the asphalt as well. The use of this roadway as a "short cut" has made an unsafe situation for residents walking on this roadway and children waiting for school buses. There are few homes on this stretch of roadway and no sidewalks. Due to its narrow design, vehicles are being forced onto lawns in order to allow vehicles to pass.

The bridge which is currently well behind schedule will possibly be opened by the end of February barring any weather or unforeseen construction delays. The Mount Olive Twp. Police Department is urging motorists to allow for more travel time and use the appropriate roadways. Time should never be more important than safety!