

MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



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The following has been authorized for immediate release to the public. Any requests for additional information should be made to the Public Information Officer or a Staff Officer.

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*** See narratives for further information ***

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:	DWI, Reckless Driving
Date:	8/22/2017
Location:	Eagle Rock Village Apartments
Investigated by:	Officer Andrew Spotts
Involved:	Artur Hakobyan (A) 35 YOM, Budd Lake, Nj

On 8/22/2017 at 7:32 AM Officer Andrew Spotts responded to Eagle Rock Village for the report of an intoxicated male. Upon his arrival, he spoke to Mr. Artur Hakobyan, who was intoxicated. Mr. Hakobyan agreed to go inside his apartment for the rest of the day. While Officer Spotts was parked in the area of the original call, he observed Mr. Hakobyan leave his apartment, get into his car and start to drive. Mr. Hakobyan pulled into a different parking space and then was approached by Officer Spotts. Mr. Hakobyan was then asked to exit his vehicle and perform standardized field sobriety tests. Mr. Hakobyan was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to headquarters where he submitted to chemical breath testing. Mr. Hakobyan was with DWI and Reckless Driving. He was released to a sober driver, pending a court hearing.

Incident/Event:	Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
Date:	August 18 – September 4
Location:	State of New Jersey
Involved:	Local and State Law Enforcement
Participating:	Mount Olive Township Police

Police agencies from around New Jersey are gearing up for the state’s largest annual drunk driving crackdown. The 2017 “*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*” Statewide Labor Day Crackdown begins August 18 and concludes on September 4. During the campaign, local and state law enforcement officers will conduct sobriety checkpoints and roving patrols targeting motorists who may be driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

“*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*” is a national campaign designed to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving through high-visibility enforcement backed up by educational activities including national radio and television advertisements, posters, banners and mobile video display signs. The campaign looks to curtail impaired driving during the busy summer travel season, including the Labor Day holiday period.

“Despite years of enforcement and public awareness efforts, too many people still make the unfortunate decision to get behind the wheel while impaired. Nearly 30% of all motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey are alcohol related,” said Gary Poedubicky, Acting Director of the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety. “This is a zero tolerance campaign. If drivers are caught operating their vehicle while impaired they will be arrested,” he added.

As part of the initiative, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety provides grants to local police agencies throughout the state to run the two-week campaign. During last year’s crackdown, participating agencies made 1,649 DWI arrests.

Law enforcement agencies participating in the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017* crackdown offer the following advice:

- If you plan to drink, designate a driver, someone who will not drink alcohol, before going out.
- Take mass transit, a taxi or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- Spend the night where the activity is held.
- Always buckle up, every ride, regardless of your seating position in the vehicle. It’s your best defense against an impaired driver.

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