

# MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## News Release

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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

<b>Incident/Event:</b>	Counterfeit Money, Theft by Deception
<b>Date:</b>	8/25/2017
<b>Location:</b>	BP Gas Station and Minute Mart, Budd Lake, NJ
<b>Investigated by:</b>	Officer Christopher Saunders and Officer Michael Carletta
<b>Involved:</b>	Thomas J. Knapp (A) 22 YOM, Budd Lake, NJ

On 8/25/2017 between 1 pm and 7:30 pm, Officer Christopher Saunders and Officer Michael Carletta were called to the BP Gas Station and the Minute Mart convenience store respectively to investigate a counterfeit money complaint. Upon speaking to the complainants at the respective establishments and inspecting the suspected counterfeit \$20 bills, officers observed the counterfeit money coloring lack in detail to a real twenty dollar bill, there wasn't a security thread on the left side and the bills #20 on the lower right hand corner didn't shift from copper to green. The unknown suspect responded back to the BP Gas Station for a second time to exchange counterfeit money and the attendant contacted police. Police responded. After a brief investigation, Mr. Thomas Knapp was placed under arrest for Counterfeit Money and Theft by Deception. Mr. Knapp was transported to headquarters for processing, then transferred to Morris County Correctional Facility in lieu of bail.

<b>Incident/Event:</b>	Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
<b>Date:</b>	8/26/2017
<b>Location:</b>	Wolfe Road, Budd Lake
<b>Investigated by:</b>	Officer Michael Carletta
<b>Involved:</b>	Jordan Minor (A) 24 YOM West Orange, NJ Nathan Verley (I) 25 YOM, Orange, NJ

On 8/26/2017 at 9:54 pm, Officer Michael Carletta was on patrol on Route 46 west when he observed a 4 door Chevy Malibu failing to maintain a lane. Officer Carletta stopped the vehicle on Wolfe Road. Upon making contact with the driver, identified as Nathan Verley, Officer Carletta detected an odor of raw and burnt marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Upon further investigation and a search of the vehicle multiple baggies, commonly used for packaging marijuana as well as a soda can with a false compartment containing multiple baggies with suspected marijuana in same was located. Mr. Jordan Minor, a passenger in the vehicle was arrested and transported to headquarters for processing. Mr. Minor was charged with Possession of Marijuana Under 50 Grams, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was released pending a court hearing.

<b>Incident/Event:</b>	Driving While Under the Influence, Speeding, Reckless Driving
<b>Date:</b>	8/26/2017
<b>Location:</b>	Route 206, Flanders, NJ
<b>Investigated by:</b>	Officer Christopher Saunders and Officer Andrew Spotts
<b>Involved:</b>	Christopher Kappock (A) 25 YOM, Bridgewater, NJ

On 8/26/2017 at 10:22 pm, Officer Christopher Saunders was on patrol on Route 206 in Flanders when he observed a black Ford Fusion travelling at a high rate of speed on Route 206 South. The same vehicle then passed Officer Andrew Spotts who was running stationary radar on Route 206 at a high rate of speed. Officer Saunders and Officer Spotts then initiated a motor vehicle stop on the vehicle. Officer Saunders made contact with the driver, identified as Christopher Kappock. Officer Saunders immediately notice a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the interior of the vehicle. Mr. Kappock was asked to exit the vehicle to perform standardized field sobriety tests. Mr. Kappock was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to headquarters for processing where he submitted to chemical breath testing. Mr. Kappock was charged with Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol, Reckless Driving and Speeding. Mr. Kappock was released to a sober driver pending a court hearing.

<b>Incident/Event:</b>	Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Hindering Own Apprehension.
<b>Date:</b>	8/27/2017
<b>Location:</b>	Holiday Inn, Budd Lake
<b>Investigated by:</b>	Sergeant Michael Zarro
<b>Involved:</b>	Wendall B. Thorpe (A) 29 YOM, Rosedale, NY

On 8/27/2017 at 11:09 pm, Sergeant Michael Zarro was checking the parking lot of Holiday Inn when he observed a male, standing in the unlit parking lot smoking something. Sgt. Zarro had his windows down and he recognized the odor to be marijuana. Sgt. Zarro parked his patrol vehicle and approached the man who was smoking a small cigarette which appeared to be burnt marijuana. Sgt. Zarro asked the man his name to which he responded. The man was subsequently placed under arrest and was transported to headquarters for processing. At headquarters it was determined that the man provided a false name, date of birth and social security number to Sgt. Zarro. The man was then identified as Wendall B. Thorpe. Mr. Thorpe was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Hindering his Own Apprehension. He was released pending a court hearing.

<b>Incident/Event:</b>	Drug Overdose , Nasal Narcan Deployment
<b>Date:</b>	8/28/2017
<b>Location:</b>	Days Inn, Budd Lake
<b>Investigated by:</b>	Officer Anthony Gardner

On 8/28/2017 at 12:41 am, Officer Anthony Gardner was dispatched to the Days Inn for an unresponsive female due to a possible drug overdose. Upon arrival Officer Gardner was met by members of Budd Lake Rescue Squad. The victim was unresponsive and Members of the Budd Lake First Aid Squad administered Nasal Narcan to which she responded and recovered.

People who are suffering from opioid addiction or families dealing with this opioid epidemic please contact CARES, Center for Addiction Recovery Education & Success at [www.caresnj.org](http://www.caresnj.org) for support, or stop by Mount Olive Police Department for a packet of information.

<b>Incident/Event:</b>	Possession of Syringes with Intent to Use Controlled Dangerous Substance
<b>Date:</b>	8/28/2017
<b>Location:</b>	Overlook Apartment Complex
<b>Investigated by:</b>	Detective Constantinos Pagonis and Detective Eric Krouse
<b>Involved:</b>	Monica Banghard (A) 51 YOF, Flanders, and Jared P. Kaye (A) 19 YOM, Flanders

On 8/28/2017 at 11:45 am Detective Constantinos Pagonis and Detective Eric Krouse were patrolling the Overlook Apartment Complex in Flanders when they observed a black Chrysler fail to stop at a posted stop sign. Detective Pagonis stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver, Ms. Monica Banghard. While speaking to Ms. Banghard, Officer Pagonis located an orange cap to a syringe. Upon further investigation additional syringes were located in the vehicle. Mr. Jared Kaye was in the vehicle with Ms. Banghard and found to also be in possession of the syringes. Both parties were arrested and transported to headquarters for processing. Ms. Banghard and Mr. Kaye were charged with possession of Syringes with the Intent to Use a Controlled Dangerous Substance. Both parties were released pending a court hearing.

<b>Incident/Event:</b>	Structure Fire
<b>Date:</b>	8/26/2017
<b>Location:</b>	40 Clinton Ave, Budd Lake
<b>Investigated by:</b>	Officer Matthew Anderson and Officer TJ Cuff
<b>Involved:</b>	Budd Lake Fire Department and Budd Lake First Aid, Flanders Fire and First Aid Department

On 8/26/2017 at 11:01 pm residents at 40 Clinton Ave were home when they heard crackling and saw fire outside their home near their shed. The male occupant contacted 911 while the female occupant responded outside to try to put water on the fire which originated in the shed. Mount Olive Police Officers Matthew Anderson and TJ Cuff arrived on scene and used fire extinguishers to try to keep the fire from expanding from the shed to the residence. Budd Lake Fire and First Aid responded along with Flanders Fire and First Aid and extinguished the fire. The fire is believed to have started after the homeowner cleaned out his fire pit and placed the cooled ashes into a garbage bag with weeds into his shed. No injuries reported.

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