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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:	Arrest on a Warrant
Date:	September 23, 2017
Location:	Sand Shore Road Budd Lake, NJ
Investigated by:	Sgt. Michael Zarro
Involved:	Mr. Anthony Masone (A), 36 YO M, Roxbury, NJ

On September 23, 2017 at 2:10 pm, Sgt. Zarro was on routine patrol when he observed a 2009 Chevrolet traveling north on Sand Shore Road occupied by a male who Sgt. Zarro recognized as Mr. Masone. Sgt. Zarro was aware that Mr. Masone had a suspended driver's license. Sgt. Zarro initiated a motor vehicle stop of the Chevrolet in the area of Kennedy Drive. Sgt. Zarro made contact with Mr. Masone, and a check of Mr. Masone's credentials showed an active no bail warrant for his arrest out of the Morris County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Masone was placed under arrest, and transported to police headquarters. Mr. Masone was charged with Driving While Suspended, Failure to Inspect Vehicle, and Improper Safety Glass. Mr. Masone was subsequently turned over to the Morris County Sheriff's Officer for the warrant.

Incident/Event:	DWI, Reckless Driving
Date:	September 23, 2017
Location:	Rt. 206 Flanders, NJ
Investigated by:	Officer William Galop
Involved:	Mr. Michael Carretta (A), 64 YO M, Tranquility, NJ

On September 23, 2017 at 10:58 pm, Officer Galop was on routine patrol when he observed a 2016 Cadillac fail to maintain its lane as it traveled north on Rt. 206. Officer Galop initiated a motor vehicle stop of the Cadillac in the area of Patricia Drive. The driver was identified as Mr. Carretta. As Officer Galop spoke with Mr. Carretta he detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage, and Mr. Carretta appeared to be impaired. Mr. Carretta was asked to exit his vehicle to perform field sobriety tests. Mr. Carretta was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters, where he submitted to chemical breath testing. Mr. Carretta was charged with DWI, Reckless Driving, and Failure to Maintain Lane. Mr. Carretta was released to a sober driver pending a court hearing.

Incident/Event:	Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia
Date:	September 24, 2017
Location:	Rt. 46 Budd Lake, NJ
Investigated by:	Officer Andrew Spotts
Involved:	Mr. Omar E. Simpson (A), 20 YO M, Budd Lake, NJ

On September 24, 2017 at 2:18 am, Officer Spotts was on routine patrol when he observed a 2002 Saturn fail to maintain its lane as it traveled west on Rt. 46. Officer Spotts initiated a motor vehicle stop of the Saturn in the area of the Village Green. Officer Spotts made contact with the driver, who was identified as Mr. Simpson. As Officer Spotts spoke with Mr. Simpson, he observed what was suspected to be marijuana on the rear floor of the vehicle. Through the course of the investigation Mr. Simpson was found to be in possession of a plastic baggie containing suspected marijuana. Mr. Simpson was placed under arrest, and transported to police headquarters. Mr. Simpson was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia, Under the Influence of Marijuana, Failure to Maintain Lane, Possession of CDS in a Motor Vehicle, and Failure to Exhibit Insurance Card. Mr. Simpson was released pending a court hearing.

Incident/Event:	Possession of Heroin, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Paraphernalia
Date:	September 24, 2017
Location:	Rt. 46 Budd Lake, NJ
Investigated by:	Officer Anthony Gardner
Involved:	Mr. Andrew A. Brown (A), 27 YO M, Long Valley, NJ

On September 24, 2017 at 4:25 pm, Officer Gardner was on routine patrol when he observed a 2014 Acura fail to maintain its lane as it traveled on Rt. 46. Officer Gardner conducted a motor vehicle stop of the Acura in the area of the Days Inn. Officer Gardner made contact with the driver, who was identified as Mr. Brown. Through the course of the investigation, Mr. Brown was found to be in possession of glassine baggies containing suspected heroin, additional plastic baggies containing suspected cocaine residue, and a hypodermic syringe. Mr. Brown was placed under arrest, and transported to police headquarters. Mr. Brown was charged with Possession of Heroin, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of a Hypodermic Syringe, Possession of CDS in a Motor Vehicle, and Failure to Maintain Lane. Mr. Brown released pending a court hearing.

Incident/Event:	DWI, Reckless Driving
Date:	September 24, 2017
Location:	Village Green Shopping Center Budd Lake, NJ
Investigated by:	Officer Casey Grimm
Involved:	Mr. Mahamat Abba-Saleh (A), 47 YO M, Jersey City, NJ

On September 24, 2017 at 10:16 pm, Officer Grimm responded to the parking lot of the Village Green Shopping Center for the report of a vehicle which was improperly parked. When Officer Grimm arrived he observed a 2010 Toyota parked in excess of a car length past the marked parking space. Officer Grimm made contact with the driver, who was identified as Mr. Abba-Saleh. As Officer Grimm spoke with Mr. Abba-Saleh he detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage, and Mr. Abba-Saleh appeared to be impaired. Officer Grimm observed an open beer can in the center console of the vehicle. Mr. Abba-Saleh was asked to exit the vehicle and perform field sobriety tests. Mr. Abba-Saleh was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters, where he submitted to chemical breath testing. A further check of Mr. Abba-Saleh's credentials showed an active warrant for his arrest for \$1,000.00 out of Rockaway Twp. NJ. Mr. Abba-Saleh was charged with DWI, Reckless Driving, Driving While Suspended, and Improper Parking. Mr. Abba-Saleh was subsequently turned over to Rockaway Twp. Police for the warrant.

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