

# MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



[www.mopd.org](http://www.mopd.org)

## News Release

[Stephen Beecher](#), Chief of Police  
[Capt. Michael T. Spitzer](#), Operations Commander  
[Lt. Craig Austenberg](#), Support Services Division  
[Lt. Philip J. Lucivero](#), Patrol Division  
[Lt. Michael Cordileone](#), Communications & Records Division  
[Lt. Luis Sanchez](#), Investigations Division  
[Cpl. Marianne Wurtemberg](#), Public Information Officer  
[Sgt. Carl Mase](#), Alternate PIO

Approval:

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.

Members of the news media are asked to respect the privacy of crime victims.

\*\*\* 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

<b>Incident/Event:</b>	Arrest – Possession of Cocaine & Marijuana
<b>Date:</b>	November 21, 2017
<b>Location:</b>	Route 206, Flanders NJ
<b>Investigated by:</b>	Sergeant Eric Anthony
<b>Involved:</b>	Kaileigh Nelson (A), 22 YO F, Hackettstown, NJ

On November 21, 2017 at 11:07 am, Sergeant Anthony responded to a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Route 206 and Flanders Netcong Road. Upon arrival, Sergeant Anthony spoke with the drivers of the vehicles. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the operator of a 2017 Chevy Cruze had rear ended a 2016 Cadillac Escalade. The driver of the Chevy was identified as Ms. Kaileigh Nelson at which time Sergeant Anthony detected the odor of marijuana inside the passenger compartment of Ms. Nelson's vehicle. A search of the vehicle was conducted at which time a glass pipe with burnt marijuana residue, a package with several marijuana seeds, and a small glass jar with suspected cocaine were located in Ms. Nelson's vehicle. Ms. Nelson was arrested and transported to police headquarters where she was charged with Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of CDS in a Motor Vehicle, and Careless Driving for her actions which contributed to the crash. She was released pending a court appearance. The driver of the Cadillac Escalade was released at the scene of the crash without injuries and minor damage to their vehicle.

<b>Incident/Event:</b>	DWI, Reckless Driving
<b>Date:</b>	November 25, 2017
<b>Location:</b>	Rt. 46 Budd Lake, NJ
<b>Investigated by:</b>	Officer Gregory Slinger
<b>Involved:</b>	Mr. Willie Gonzalez (A), 22 YO M, Long Island City, NY

On November 25, 2017 at 11:09 pm, Officer Slinger was on routine patrol when he observed a 2012 Honda traveling east on Rt. 46 come to an abrupt stop in the lane of travel. As Officer Slinger observed the Honda, it made a right turn into the parking lot of Plaza 141, across the right lane of traffic. The Honda then turned around and exited the lot, continuing east of Rt. 46. Officer Slinger initiated a motor vehicle stop of the Honda in the area of the Trading Post. Officer Slinger made contact with the driver of the Honda, who was identified as Mr. Gonzalez. As Officer Slinger spoke with Mr. Gonzalez, he detected the odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle, and Mr. Gonzalez appeared to be impaired. Mr. Gonzalez was asked to exit the vehicle to perform field sobriety tests. Mr. Gonzalez was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters, where he submitted to chemical breath testing. Mr. Gonzalez was charged with DWI, Reckless Driving, Impeding Traffic, and Failure to Signal Turn. Mr. Gonzalez was released to a sober driver pending a court hearing.

<b>Incident/Event:</b>	Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia, Hindering Own Apprehension
<b>Date:</b>	November 25, 2017
<b>Location:</b>	Fairfield Way Budd Lake, NJ
<b>Investigated by:</b>	Officer Matthew Koppinger
<b>Involved:</b>	Mr. Jose A. Mendez Jr. (A), 23 YO M, Lake Hopatcong, NJ

On November 25, 2017 at 3:14 am, Officer Koppinger responded to the 7-11 on Rt. 46 for the report of a shoplifting, with the suspect leaving the store on foot. Officer Koppinger located two males and one female matching the description provided on Fairfield Way. Through the course of the investigation it was determined that one of the males, identified as Mr. Mendez, had eaten approximately \$4.50 worth of food from the 7-11, and left without paying. Mr. Mendez initially did not identify himself as a Jr. in an attempt to prevent Officer Koppinger from discovering that he had active warrants for his arrest totaling \$1,050.00 out of Randolph, NJ. Mr. Mendez was placed under arrest, and a search of his person yielded a metal pipe containing suspected marijuana residue. Mr. Mendez made restitution to 7-11 and was subsequently transported to police headquarters. Mr. Mendez was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia, and Hindering Own Apprehension. Mr. Mendez was unable to post bail, and was turned over to Randolph on the warrants. The other individuals present with Mr. Mendez were not charged.

<b>Incident/Event:</b>	Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia
<b>Date:</b>	November 25, 2017
<b>Location:</b>	Rt. 46 Budd Lake, NJ
<b>Investigated by:</b>	Officer Rick LaRicci
<b>Involved:</b>	Ms. Cynthia H. Bogda (A), 26 YO F, Biddeford, ME

On November 25, 2017 at 11:17 pm, Officer La Ricci was on routine patrol when he observed a 2011 Mazda traveling west on Rt. 46 at a high rate of speed. Officer LaRicci initiated a motor vehicle stop of the Mazda in the area of Robbie's Music Center. Officer LaRicci made contact with the driver, who was identified as Ms. Bogda. As Officer LaRicci spoke with Ms. Bogda he detected the odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle. Ms. Bogda was asked to exit the vehicle, and a search was conducted. The search yielded two glass pipes containing suspected marijuana residue, a vaporizer containing suspected marijuana wax, a metal grinder containing suspected marijuana, a rubber container containing suspected marijuana wax, and a plastic baggie containing suspected marijuana. Ms. Bogda was placed under arrest, and transported to police headquarters. Ms. Bogda was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana Wax, Possession of Paraphernalia, Speeding, and Possession of CDS in a Motor Vehicle. Ms. Bogda was released pending a court hearing.

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