



HEALTHY MEETING...Fanwood Emergency Management Coordinator Howard Drewes communicates with police, rescue squad and the Red Cross during drills in Forest Road Park on Sunday held by CERTs (Community Emergency Response Teams).

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Philip Wiener, a Democratic candidate for council in 1999, later echoed Mr. Samuel, saying the deferral could have helped avert some of the layoffs that were implemented last month. But, consultant Gregory Fehrenbach, who assisted the council in preparing the budget, said the state's rules for repaying the deferral were ever-changing during the brief period of time earlier this spring that was given to municipalities to decide on deferring. He also said deferring the payment would merely "postpone the problem" from 2009 to 2010.

Most other residents who spoke during the public hearing were generally supportive of the budget and tax proposals. Former Mayor Martin Marks, who is a Republican candidate for State Assembly from the 22nd District, commended the council's efforts. And he took some swipes at Mr. Samuel and Mr. Glover, saying they "should have and could have learned a lesson" from last year's municipal election in which Mrs. Malool defeated Mr. Glover in the mayoral race.

Mr. Marks commended township voters for "seeing through the bluster, the arrogance, even the downright hypocrisy" he said were displayed by Mr. Samuel at public council meetings and in letters to the newspapers and by Mr. Glover on the council dais. Referring to budget meetings of 2007 and 2008, when Mr. Marks, as mayor, often battled with Mr. Glover and Mr. Samuel, the former

mayor said if the council in those years had accepted proposals to "recklessly spend down our surplus and over-anticipate revenues, we would be in such a hole in this town" that "massive layoffs and massive reductions in services" would have been unavoidable.

The six other residents who spoke briefly after Mr. Marks offered generally supportive comments to the council.

Speaking prior to his vote, Mr. Glover—who voted against the 2007 and 2008 budgets — said he had unsuccessfully put forth several proposals during the council's budget deliberations of the past two months in an effort to avert layoffs. He said that decisions made by the council earlier this year on the budget "boxed us in" and, as a result, he would not support the budget this year.

Councilwoman Mary DePaola said that, "under the circumstance," the budget was "the best that we can do." Councilman Dominick Bratti called it the "most fiscally responsible way to get through this year." Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Strauss called the budget "very sound" and called "ridiculous" the criticisms, mainly from Mr. Samuel last month, that the budget process had been secretive.

Mayor Malool said she was "100 percent confident in this budget," and described some of the alternate proposals put forth earlier by Mr. Glover as "gimmicks" that were "not in the best interest of Scotch Plains."

Rail Tunnel to Provide Area Transfer-Free Ride to NYC

By MICHAEL J. POLLACK

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WESTFIELD — At last week's public meeting of the Westfield Town Council, the council heard an update on NJ Transit's Mass Transit Tunnel Project, slated for completion in 2017, which will provide a one-stop ride to an extended Penn Station in mid-town Manhattan.

Alan Weinberg, senior director of NJ Transit's Tunnel Project, attended the meeting and said the tunnel project will double the rail capacity between New York and New Jersey for NJ Transit and Amtrak.

At present, the entire commuter rail system connecting the two "skinnies down" to a congested 100-year-old two-track railroad tunnel and overcrowded Penn Station New York. Currently, the tracks can accommodate 23 trains an hour at peak times; at the project's conclusion, capacity will more than double to 48 trains during the same time frame.

Crews broke ground two weeks ago on the \$8.7-billion project, which will be an "incredible benefit to the region," said Mr. Weinberg, a resident of Westfield.

He said the current tunnel is at capacity and not equipped to handle the growth in ridership, which is expected to double in 20 years. New Jersey residents, he said, bring home \$50 billion in "real personal income" from jobs in New York and that if the transit system failed to expand, New Jersey communities would be "in jeopardy of folks leaving the region."

He said the tunnel project is the "lynchpin" to the expansion of the rail system and works to promote downtown development in many New Jersey towns.

The following rail lines will receive direct (transfer-free) service to Manhattan: Main Line, Bergen County Line, Pascack Valley Line, Raritan Valley Line,

Port Jervis Line, North Jersey Coast Line (points south of Long Branch), Morrisstown Line (points west of Dover) and the Boonton Line (points west of Montclair State University).

To allow for transfer-free access to New York City on these lines, NJ Transit, in late 2008, purchased 26 dual-mode locomotives, which operate as diesel in diesel territories and as electric in electric areas. They will come online in a couple of years, so the transit system has time to work out the kinks before 2017.

Fourth Ward Councilman Tom Bigosinski asked of the project's environmental impact and what it would do to reduce carbon emissions.

Mr. Weinberg, noting that the environmental and labor communities are behind the venture, said expanded train service will take 22,000 cars off New Jersey highways daily, reducing greenhouse gases and other pollutants by nearly 66,000 tons per year.

Completion of the new rail project will coincide with a modernized commuter station under 34th Street in New York, which will provide access to subway concourses at 8th, 7th and 6th Avenues (Herald Square).

Fourth Ward Councilman Jim Foerst asked how the project is being funded.

Mr. Weinberg said the \$8.7-billion tunnel is being funded as follows: Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, \$3 billion; federal government, \$3 billion; and State of New Jersey, \$2.7 billion. Because the tunnel project, also called the Access to the Region's Core (ARC) Tunnel, is deemed "shovel-ready," the federal government has already made a \$130-million down payment from the stimulus package.

The ARC project, according to NJ Transit, will create 6,000 construction-related jobs each year for nearly a decade.

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tipurpose room to use as a larger cafeteria, repair and repainting of the high school lockers, window work at Brunner School, work to Evergreen School handicapped ramp, and the replacement of sidewalks throughout the district. A new scoreboard, which will be paid for by the Field Turf Committee Fund, will also be added to the high school athletic field.

Also on Thursday, resident Phil Gans spoke to board members about his "displeasure" with the transfer of counselor Brenda Kucin from the high school to Park Middle School. In an e-mail obtained by *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* signed by Mr. Gans as well as Steve and Janet Geoghegan. Mr. Gans and the Geoghegans expressed that this change was done "without any explanation to the students and parents."

"In assigning staff, we always seek to make decisions that will be positive or our students," Superintendent Hayes told *The Times*. "Given reductions in staffing this year, we eliminated the cooperative education teacher/coordinator's position. Given tenure regulations, this resulted in the non-renewal of a non-tenured middle school

counselor, and we filled that position from within."

Also on Thursday, Leland McGee, an attorney and president of the Education Enrichment Foundation (EEF) of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, Inc., came before the board to present EEF grants to two district teachers. Brian Rawlins, a sixth grade teacher at Park Middle School, was awarded \$1,449 for his project, "PodCast Initiative: Peer Projects, Peak Performance," which will use technology to further math skills. In addition, Carolyn Guarino, a sixth grade teacher at Terrill Middle School, was awarded \$351.89 for her project, "Penny Pinching Problem Solvers," a tool that will teach sixth graders the importance of budgeting.

The school board also recognized the 2008-2009 PTA presidents Karyn Steele (PTA Council president), Lisa Ciarrocca (Brunner School), Laurie Prusik (Coles School), Lisa Dunlap (Evergreen School), Jeanne Cleary (McGinn School), Marianna Clausen (School One), Joan Caramico (Terrill Middle School), Jill Markovits (SPFHS), and Maggie Savoca, who was not present on Thursday (Park Middle School).

Protestors Rip Leonard Lance's 'Yes' Vote on Cap-and-Trade Energy Bill

By PAUL J. PEYTON

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WESTFIELD — Nearly two dozen protesters converged on Rep. Leonard Lance's North Avenue office in Westfield on Monday. They were opposed to the Congressman's affirmative vote on the 1,600-page American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2454), better known as the cap-and-trade or global warming/climate and energy bill. Opponents called the bill, which supporters say is the first legislative action to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, a national energy tax.

The House of Representatives passed the legislation, 219 to 212, with eight Republicans joining Democrats to pass the bill. Mr. Lance, Rep. Chris Smith (R-4th, Mercer) and Rep. Frank LoBiondo (R-2nd, Salem) supported cap-and-trade. Forty-four Democrats voted against the bill.

According to a *New York Times* article, cap-and-trade "sets a limit on overall emissions of heat-trapping gases while allowing utilities, manufacturers and other emitters to trade pollution permits, or allowances, among themselves."

The bill requires electric utilities to meet 20 percent of their electricity demand through renewable energy sources and energy efficiency by 2020, and reduces carbon emissions from major U.S. sources by 17 percent by 2020 and over 80 percent by 2050 compared to 2005 levels. It also states that it protects consumers from energy price increases.

The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that on average a household would pay \$175 a year net in energy costs in the year 2020 as a result of the legislation.

"I think it (cap-and-trade) will be good

BH Coach Charged

In Little League Assault

By SUZETTE F. STALKER

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WESTFIELD — Authorities have charged the coach of a Berkeley Heights Little League team with aggravated assault after he allegedly struck the coach of a Westfield team following a game between the two teams at Westfield's Gumbert Park Thursday evening.

Lieutenant Scott Rodger of the Westfield Police Department said Andrew Hoffman, 47, of Whitehouse was arrested at Westfield police headquarters the following day and was released with a summons.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:45 p.m. as members of the two little league teams were exchanging customary handshakes following the game.

According to the police report, Hoffman allegedly grabbed the Westfield coach by the stomach, told the victim that he needed to lose weight and uttered a profanity. Hoffman allegedly then head-butted the other coach and then punched him in the face, causing the victim's face to redden and swell, as well as a cut on the bridge of his nose and chipped teeth, Lieutenant Rodger stated.

"The Westfield coach did not do anything" to provoke the altercation, the lieutenant told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* on Tuesday. He added that the incident occurred "in front of two little league teams of 12-year-old boys."

After the altercation, Hoffman fled the scene in his motor vehicle, and authorities were contacted, according to the lieutenant. It was unknown who called police to the park. Lieutenant Rodger said the victim sought medical treatment from a hospital on his own.

Captain Clifford Auchter told *The Times* on Wednesday that it is an indictable offense and will go in front of a grand jury as a crime in the fourth degree because the incident took place at a community sporting event with children under 16 years old present. He said fourth-degree crimes do not make presumption of jail time, but the possibility increases if a person had a criminal record. He would not comment on Hoffman's past.

Local Pastor Charged

With Medicaid Fraud

WESTFIELD — Attorney General Anne Milgram and Division of Criminal Justice Director Deborah L. Graniccioni have announced that Kevin Clark, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Westfield, was named June 24 in a Union County Grand Jury indictment for his role in defrauding the Medicaid program.

Pastor Clark, 52, was charged with two counts of third degree Medicaid Fraud. Under state law, the crime of third degree Medicaid Fraud carries a maximum penalty of three years in state prison and a criminal fine of \$10,000. He will be ordered to appear in Superior Court in Union County to answer the charges on a date to be determined.

According to Ms. Graniccioni, the indictment returned by the State Grand Jury alleges that on or about November 17, 2004 and April 7, 2005, Pastor Clark completed, signed and submitted a Medicaid application on behalf of an elderly parishioner that contained false information concerning the disposition of property valued at approximately \$183,038 in which the Medicaid applicant had an interest.

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should have to buy flow rights from another RVSA member town.

Allen Chin, Westfield's commissioner, stated, "In fairness to Roselle Park, it's not clear they'd exceeded their flow rights." Prior meetings had brought into question whether the new metering procedure was accurately measuring the flow.

Anthony Gencarelli, the authority's manager of regulatory compliance, questioned the authority's plan to hire another engineer. He described having three engineers on staff as "excessive." Mr. Gencarelli said the impending completion of expansion work would likely free up time of the two engineers on staff — himself and Mr. Brinker. Mr. Gencarelli said he is a licensed professional engineer in both New York and New Jersey, a certified municipal engineer, and has 30 years of experience. Saying the current economic climate demands the authority "do more with less," Mr. Gencarelli said his expertise could be utilized by the authority at a "nominal added cost, if any."

for New Jersey. We are already subject to limits on greenhouse gas emissions from power plants based upon a 10-state regional greenhouse gas initiative. This bill, over time, would reduce the emissions, particularly from the states in Middle West, and that would be good for the environment," Mr. Lance told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*.

"I believe there is climate change that is occurring and I think most scientists agree with that," he said.

Among those who lobbied Mr. Lance in favor of the legislation were former Governor Thomas H. Kean and Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G).

"While there is a broad support for reducing our dependence on foreign oil, increasing energy efficiency and encouraging greater production of electricity from renewable sources, this investment simply will not occur on a sustained basis absent a price signal for carbon," according to a letter from PSE&G Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Ralph Izzo obtained by *The Times*.

"Our state, region and country stand to substantially benefit from the job creation that will result from a clean energy future," Mr. Izzo stated.

Mr. Lance said the legislation would also reduce America's dependence on foreign oil by increasing energy efficiency.

"I think it is going to create jobs in New Jersey. Green jobs. And I am a strong environmentalist," Mr. Lance said. The Congressman said he voted with Republicans on a House amendment "to have a more open process" with regard to last-minute additions, but that effort failed and a 350-page amendment was added to the legislation.

Americans for Limited Government (ALG) President Bill Wilson said the legislation "will deliberately increase the costs of gasoline, oil and coal at a time when the American people can ill afford it."

"The legislation, HR 2454, would force carbon-emitting industries — coal, oil, gasoline and natural gas — to purchase carbon permits that would reduce in supply over the next decade," he said.

Among those protesting Monday afternoon in front of Mr. Lance's office were members of Smart Girl Politics (SGP), a conservative political group for women. Member Maria Carluccio of Westfield said she was angry with Mr. Lance "because [he] didn't represent the people who [he was] supposed to represent."

"Cap-and-trade isn't something that is going to help. Our taxes are going to go through the roof because it [is] a scam. It's all under the umbrella of global warming. It's [a] total scam: there is no global warming. Do your homework. It is another false religion," Ms. Carluccio said. "Cap-and-trade is all about money. As usual, Wall Street is going to benefit."

Rosa Leonetti, of Fanwood, state coordinator for SGP, said SGP is "very disappointed" by Mr. Lance's vote supporting cap-and-trade.

"We don't expect our representative, who marginally won his seat, to vote with the majority (Democrats). We expect our representative to represent us," she said. "It really puts us in a position where if [you] can't turn to your representative body (New Jersey delegation), then whom are you going to turn to?"

"We expect better... We are going to hold the people who are supposed to represent us accountable," Ms. Leonetti said. "So, going forward, he can pretty much consider his seat in jeopardy."

Manly Rash of Somerset, a conservative blogger dressed in the uniform of a Revolutionary War major in the Continental Army, 2nd New Jersey Regiment, said he was "very upset" with Mr. Lance's vote.

"New Jersey was once the economic powerhouse of the United States, and we're ranked 50th, the worst state in the United States to do business because of environmental regulations, because of taxation, because of excessive government regulation. Unless this is ended, we will go bankrupt," Mr. Rash said.

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Electric also pitched in.

"Our plumber Bruce Paterson, he did all of the plumbing work — he worked a lot of hours on the house," Ms. Tweedle said.

Raymond, a contractor from Payless, donated a garden window for the kitchen. "It's like \$1,000. Kathy really wanted one" for displaying her plants, Ms. Tweedle said.

"J.R. Taylor of Insurance Restoration Service, he deals with the fire restoration. He told us how to get rid of smells and what to do to preserve her things," she continued.

"Fortunately, they donated pretty much everything," Ms. Sullivan said. The bulk of the expenditures for the rebuild came from the Sullivans' savings account because the homeowners insurance lapsed as a result of Mrs. Sullivan's memory loss. "We spent \$150,000 and we built a \$300,000 house," she said.

Ms. Sullivan, who is due to give birth to her first child next month, was also grateful for her husband Patrick Zoteck's handiwork on the heating, and she is most grateful for her friends, the Tweedles. "As far as Barbara and her husband go, she invested every waking moment helping," she said.

Between Ms. Sullivan working the overnight shift and watching her mom during the day, she acknowledged, "If it wasn't for Barbara this wouldn't have happened."

Ms. Tweedle did the legwork of gathering volunteers, waiting for the inspectors to show and giving the access to the workmen when they began each day's work. Should everything work according to schedule, the Sullivans will be in their restored home just in time for the Fourth of July to celebrate the nation's freedom and the willingness of neighbors to help one another in time of need.

Westfield

Monday, June 22, Tramine Marshall, 25, of Jackson, Miss. was arrested and charged with lewdness after he allegedly touched himself to a female lifeguard and touched himself inappropriately at a private swimming pool at a condominium on the 100 block of Sandra Circle. He was unable to post the \$2,500 bail and was committed to the Union County jail.

Monday, June 22, Patrick Hodge, 55, of Roselle was arrested at South Avenue and Livingston Street and charged with theft of a bicycle, receiving stolen property, possession of burglary tools and criminal mischief. He is alleged to have stolen a bicycle from the south side Westfield train station. The bicycle was recovered, police said. A further investigation revealed that Hodge was wanted on a criminal warrant from Elizabeth for \$455. Bail on the theft charge was set at \$1,000. Unable to post bail, he was turned over to the Union County jail.

Wednesday, June 24, Garth Richards, 44, of Irvington was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on the 1100 block of Summit Avenue on an Irvington criminal warrant for \$1,000 and a Jersey City criminal warrant for \$5,000. Richards was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and held in lieu of bail.

Wednesday, June 24, Sonya Vinson, 38, of Newark was arrested at the Essex County jail on an outstanding criminal warrant from Westfield for \$84. She was held pending the posting of bail.

Thursday, June 25, Giuseppe Valentino, 45, of Union was arrested at a store on the 600 block of North Avenue and charged with shoplifting an item valued at \$40. She was released on her own recognizance.

Friday, June 26, Ryon M. Burke, 36, of Westfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) and possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana after a motor vehicle stop in the 100 block area of Myrtle Avenue. Burke was released to a responsible individual.

Saturday, June 27, Regina E. Washington, 42, of Westfield was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at South and Windsor Avenues on a Plainfield traffic warrant for \$373 and an Edison criminal warrant for \$155. She was released after posting bail.

Saturday, June 27, Jose Romero, 63, of Linden was arrested on five warrants during the investigation of a motor vehicle accident at Central and Elizabeth Avenues, in which he was one of the drivers. The warrants included a no-bail Union County Sheriff's Office; two Newark criminal warrants for \$5,000 each; an East Orange criminal warrant for \$1,000; a South Orange criminal warrant for \$500 and a Woodbridge traffic warrant for \$95. Romero was turned over to the Union County Sheriff's Office. No injuries were reported as a result of the accident.

Saturday, June 27, Edward Pshybshefski, 56, of Kearny was arrested after a motor vehicle accident on Central Avenue and charged with DWI and careless driving. No injuries were reported as a result of the accident. He was held until a responsible individual could be contacted.

Sunday, June 28, Wilder Pereira, 29, of Rahway was arrested on Mountain Avenue after a motor vehicle accident on North Avenue, East, Pereira, charged with DWI leaving the scene of an accident, failure to report an accident and careless driving, was issued summonses. No injuries were reported.

Monday, June 29, Thomas Rosky, 40, of Rahway was arrested in the area of 600 West South Avenue and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Rosky was the front-seat passenger in a motor vehicle that was stopped because he was not wearing his seatbelt. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and issued summonses for the charges.

Mountainside

Wednesday, June 24, the owner of a tavern on Mountain Avenue reported that three individuals ordered meals and drinks and later stated that they did not have the means to pay at the time because the tavern did not accept credit cards and would return later with cash. According to police, the bartender took the patron's information before he left, but despite several phone calls he has still not returned to pay his bill. The suspect was seen leaving the parking lot in a two-tone red and peach colored Jeep with Pennsylvania tags, authorities reported.

Wednesday, June 24, the chief executive officer of a business on Mill Lane contacted police regarding four suspicious items received in the mail. According to police, four letters, three of which contained zip-lock bags with what appeared to be sperm donations in them were received at the business via the postal service. Authorities took possession of the letter that did not contain the alleged sperm and contacted the sender to request he discontinue his correspondence and he stated that he would comply with the request, police said.

Thursday, June 25, Andrew Huber, 25, of Mountainside was arrested and charged for harassment after and investigation that started with police being summoned to a residence on New Providence Road on a report that the victims saw an individual running from their residence and fleeing in a blue Honda parked in a nearby lot after someone banged on their door.

According to police, the home owner and his son stated that over the past several months someone had been continually calling the residence and hanging up and banging on the front door and running away when the victim answered the door. While police were searching the area adjacent to the residence and near to where the Honda was parked they found a wallet belonging to Huber, police said.

Police said they later observed Huber, who arrived in a blue Honda in the area, with a flashlight. After questioning him he stated that he lost his wallet sometime earlier in the evening after he had been to a local pub and then walked to a convenience store, authorities reported. Due to the ongoing investigation, police did not inform Huber his wallet was in their possession and police later observed Huber searching the path leading to the victim's house and in the location of where the Honda was parked but not in close proximity to where the suspect stated he had lost the wallet, police said. Upon further questioning Huber was arrested.

Thursday, June 25, a resident of Orchard Road reported that someone smashed the rear window of her vehicle and moved several items from their location in her yard and her neighbor's yard

sometime over night.

Thursday, June 25, Craig M. Simon, 39, of Plainfield was arrested and charged for driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop. He was also charged with an outstanding warrant out of Plainfield in the amount of \$500.

Thursday, June 25, Benedict Hycenth, 67, of Newark was arrested at the Newark Police Department for an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$1,096.

Sunday, June 28, a resident of Chapel Hill reported that he was awakened by the sound of his burglar alarm going off at which time he noticed someone had thrown an object through his front window causing damage.

Sunday, June 28, a resident of Nottingham Way reported that someone threw a rock through the bay window of his residence also causing damage to the coffee table and a candleholder, which was on the table. According to police, a neighbor heard glass break and witnessed a male get into a beige colored vehicle and drive away. The approximated value of the damage done to the window, coffee table and candleholder is \$5,850.

Sunday, June 28, a resident of Long Meadow reported that while he was at headquarters being arrested on Saturday, June 27, his vehicle, which he left parked in the driveway at a friend's house on Appletree Lane, sustained damage when someone scratched an obscenity into the rear quarter panel of the vehicle.

Sunday, June 28, Ricardo M. Sudlow of East Orange was arrested for receiving stolen property, eluding police with a motor vehicle, resisting arrest and several outstanding warrants after an officer patrolling the area of New Providence Road observed an Acura with North Carolina license plate parked in the unfinished driveway of a unoccupied new house being built. According to police, when the officer shined his spotlight into the vehicle, Sudlow exited the driveway and headed towards Route 22 tailgating vehicles and eventually crossing the double yellow line to make a left turn on Route 22 in front of other vehicles.

Other units responded to the chase and also observed the suspect weaving in and out of traffic and eventually flipping over after striking a patrol unit positioned to stop the vehicle, police said. The suspect then fled on foot and was later apprehended by a Union police officer who had responded to the APB.

Monday, June 29, a theater on Route 22 reported that \$978.75 was removed from an arcade game in the lobby by removing the master lock and prying the door to the coin holder open after removing a secondary lock.

Monday, June 29, a resident of Woodland Avenue reported that the rear window of his cousin's vehicle was shattered by an unknown object, which also caused damage to the hood of the vehicle.

Tuesday, June 30, a resident of Saddle Brook Road reported that someone threw several large rocks at his residence with all of them hitting the house and landing on his front walkway. According to police, no damage was reported due to the fact that the rocks had hit the brick directly under the victim's front window.

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Wednesday, June 24, Rickly Antoine, 27, of West Orange was arrested following a motor vehicle stop for an outstanding warrant. He was processed and released.

Wednesday, June 24, a resident of Warren Street reported that he left his bicycle in front of a Park Avenue store where he witnessed three juveniles take the bicycle and ride off with it. According to police, the juveniles were later apprehended in Plainfield with the stolen bicycle in their possession. They were released to their parents and charges are pending, authorities said.

Wednesday, June 24, a resident of Glenside Avenue reported that someone tried to gain entrance to his residence by prying open a window. According to police, they were unsuccessful and nothing was reported missing.

Saturday, June 27, James Hunter, 38, of Plainfield was arrested for an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was processed and released.

Saturday, June 27, Mark Paczkowski, 50, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated DWI after a motor vehicle stop at which time the officer smelled the odor of alcohol. Paczkowski was processed and released.

Sunday, June 28, Juan Ayala, 29, of Elizabeth was arrested for an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was processed and released.

Monday, June 29, Samantha Cianci, 18, of Edison was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after police responded to a disturbance on Railway Road. According to police, Cianci was observed yelling obscenities at the occupants of a house and refused to follow a police officer's request for her to leave the area. She was transported to headquarters where she was processed and released.

Monday, June 29, a patron of a Route 22 business reported that someone entered her purse and removed her wallet, which contained several credit cards and cash.

Fanwood

Thursday, June 25, Vincent M. Visconti, 31, of Staten Island, N.Y. was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Westfield Road for an outstanding warrant out of Mansfield. He was processed and released.

Thursday, June 25, Sharif Bond, 28, of Irvington was arrested at police headquarters for an outstanding Fanwood warrant. He was processed and released.

Friday, June 26, Jeremy C. Lisnock, 32, (address unknown) was arrested for an outstanding Kenilworth warrant after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road. He was processed and released.

Sunday, June 28, Kashari Slaughter, 23, of Fanwood was arrested and charged with simple assault after police were called to a dispute on Roosevelt Avenue. She was processed and released.

Sunday, June 28, Preston Lynn, 53, of Carteret was arrested for numerous outstanding warrants out of Springfield, Union and Carteret after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road. He was processed and released.

Monday, June 29, Jaquelin L. Pollard, 45, of Plainfield was arrested for an outstanding warrant out of New Brunswick after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road. After further investigation, she was also charged with hindering apprehension for providing police with false identification