

# Monthly Report

## July 2018



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## ADMINISTRATION:

### Staffing:

The Police Department is operating below its authorized strength of 48 sworn Officers, and 6 fulltime civilian personnel. Staffing and deficiencies:

- 2 police officers
- 1 Lieutenant's position
- 1 administrative assistant (Records), has been reduced to a 29 hour part-time position.

### Injured Officers:

- Officer Jean-Baptiste was placed on administrative leave March 6, 2017, due to a complaint requiring an investigation. As of June 30, he was out of work for 254 days.
- Officer Francis Steinhauser was injured during the course of a psychiatric evaluation call and was put on light duty on May 18, 2018. As of June 30, he has been out of work for 24 days.

### Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- June 30, 2018 was Officer Brid's last day of work. He went out on a disability pension due to a motor vehicle collision he was involved in while on duty.
- Kevin Lenart and James Kirchner were sworn in as Probationary Patrolmen in June of 2018. Lenart graduated from the Camden County College Police Academy and Kirchner came to us from the Somerset County Sheriff's Office.

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### A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

On June 6, 2018, a fifteen (15) year old female reported to police that she had been sexually assaulted. The female victim was at a local hospital when detectives were dispatched to interview her. The victim could only provide a detailed physical description of the suspect and a possible address, which she had mistakenly inverted by reversing the house number. Detectives almost immediately identified the suspect and the correct address the following day. Detectives conducted numerous recorded interviews which included the suspect, a forty four (44) year old North Plainfield resident and various witnesses. The suspect made admissions in his interview, which allowed charges to be authorized. The Somerset County Prosecutors Office authorized charges of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree

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sexual assault and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree endangering the welfare of a child. The defendant was arrested and lodged in the Somerset County jail.

On June 8, 2018, detectives were called to JFK Medical Center to meet with a North Plainfield resident who presented in the emergency room with numerous stab wounds throughout his body. The victim said he was attacked at a residence in North Plainfield by a man known to him. Detectives and officers responded to the residence where the suspect was located along with a witness who saw the attack. The suspect had injuries consistent with a knife attack. The suspect, a fifty one (51) year old resident admitted to detectives that he stabbed and slashed the victim with a box cutter during an argument. The defendant was charged with 3<sup>rd</sup> degree aggravated assault and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose. Defendant was lodged in the Somerset County Jail pending a hearing.

On June 21, 2018 police arrested a North Plainfield resident and charged him with numerous counts of burglary and credit card fraud. The investigation began in May as detectives investigated numerous car burglaries all with a similar MO. Detectives developed a suspect through intelligence and tracking down numerous surveillance videos in several jurisdictions. The suspect in the video was positively identified as a twenty three year old North Plainfield resident known to police. Detectives obtained a fourteen count warrant / complaint as well as a Superior Court search warrant and executed both on June 21, 2018. Detectives discovered additional evidence which led to the defendant admitting to committing additional 20-30 car burglaries in North Plainfield as well as other jurisdictions in Somerset County. The defendant was lodged in the Somerset County Jail on our current charges and the additional car burglaries are now pending with the Prosecutors Office.

On June 27, 2018 at approximately 3:00 AM police responded to a residence on Mercer Ave on the reported car burglary in progress. A citizen observed a subject unknown to him enter his vehicle and then flee the area on foot prior to police arrival. Officers located a subject matching the description and a foot pursuit ensued. The defendant was arrested as multiple officers converged on the area. The defendant was interviewed and provided detectives with a post Miranda statement admitting to burglarizing six (6) vehicles in North Plainfield. The defendant offered no excuse for his behavior other than he needed extra money. The Somerset County Prosecutors Office authorized six counts of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burglary and 4<sup>th</sup> Resisting by flight. The twenty one year old Plainfield resident was lodged in the Somerset County Jail pending a hearing.

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## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

### A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	83	415
Closed	44	252
Active	8	10
Suspended	30	151
Unfounded	3	12
Forwarded to SCPO	9	47

### A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	20	107
Closed	18	103
Active	2	2
Suspended	0	2
Unfounded	0	0
Forwarded to other Agencies	14	73

### Community Outreach

The Community Policing unit made twenty (20) calls to the senior citizens enrolled in the Good Morning program, and sent out fifty one (51) first time false alarm activation notices. The unit also issued ten (10) false alarm warnings. Det. Domizi attended Career Day at the North Plainfield High School on June 1, 2018. The DARE Graduation was held on June 13, 2018 at Somerset School and was attended by Somerset County Prosecutor Michael H. Robertson. Det. Domizi attended the Municipal Alliance / Youth Services meeting (6/26) as well as the North Plainfield Community Forum meeting held on June 26, 2018. The Community Policing unit was also present at the North Plainfield Block Party held on June 23, 2018.

### Narcotics Strike Force

During the month of June the Narcotics Task Force completed a title III investigation which resulted in numerous arrests. The task force attends the narcotics convention in June annually in south Jersey. The convention has several speakers and various classes on narcotics updates and trends. Ofc. Dow attended Top Gun narcotics school during the last week of June.

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## Other Matters

Detectives investigated a total of four separate licensing / background investigations during the month of June. The license investigations were for the following: Firearms, Vacant Land Use, Raffle and liquor license applications.

Lt. McKay completed the annual Megan's law registration on one offender in North Plainfield during the month of June.

## Adjudications & Judicial Proceedings

Detectives made several appearances in Superior Court during the month of June. On June 1, 2018 Sgt. Vonspreckelsen appeared in Grand Jury in the state v Sarasha Fisher. Fisher was indicted on numerous weapons charges stemming from a robbery that occurred at Howard Johnson. On June 13, 2018 Lt. McKay appeared in Grand Jury in the state v Marquise Darling. Darling was indicted on weapons and domestic violence charges for his part in a shooting that took place at his residence on Richard way. On June 25, 2018 Sgt. Vonspreckelsen appeared in Grand Jury in the state v Jose Morales-Gamez. Morales-Gamez was indicted for sexually assaulting a 14 year old female during a party. Lt. McKay appeared in Grand Jury on June 24, 2018 in the state v Cesar Grisales. Grisales was indicted in a check scam which resulted in losses of over \$10,000.00 to the victim. Det. Mazza appeared in Grand Jury on June 13, 2018 in a credit card case in which two subjects were indicted, Singh and Boadi.

Vicente Perrotta was sentenced to six years in state prison by Judge Pichecca. Perrotta was involved in a CDS transaction in North Plainfield which resulted in numerous shots being fired and the recovery of a loaded weapon. Perrotta was arrested on December 26, 2017 and charged with numerous narcotics, burglary and weapon offenses. Stacy Caldwell was sentenced to three years' probation by Judge Shannahan. Caldwell was charged with several drug offenses after she was stopped at the Howard Johnson Motel in 2018.

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**INTERNAL AFFAIRS:** During the first half of 2018, the police department logged 7 Internal Affairs complaints. Lt. McKay investigated six and the SCPO investigated one.

We have one complaint from 2017 which is still pending.

Investigation #	Classification	Disposition	Corrective Action
18-01	Differential Treatment	Sustained	Sanction (R&R)
18-02	Rules Violation	Sustained	Sanction (R&R)
18-03	Criminal Act	Pending	Pending
18-04	Rules Violation	Sustained	Sanction (R&R)

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18-05	Rules Violation	Sustained	Sanction (R&R)
18-06	Rules Violation	Exonerated	N/A
18-07	Improper Entry	Exonerated	N/A
<b>17-03</b>	<b>Criminal Act</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Pending</b>

### PATROL DIVISION: MONTHLY REPORT JUNE 2018

	Month	YTD
Miles on marked patrol	15,191	91,419
Miles on unmarked patrol	927	5,585
Total miles on patrol	16,118	92,346

### Traffic summonses issued:

Type of summonses	Month	YTD
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	3	17
Moving Hazardous Violation	45	278
Moving Non-Hazardous Violation	85	635
Ordinance Violation	5	87
Parking Violation	156	907
Seatbelt	23	91
Radar	7	62
Refusal Breath Test	1	8
Child Restraints	3	27
Reckless Driving	1	8
Cell Phone	2	59
Careless Driving	24	115
Suspended License	28	173
Written Warnings	265	2,171
Totals	648	4,638

### Radar Posts

STREET	TIME SPENT
Clinton Avenue	15 Hours
Farragut Road	2 Hours
Geraud Avenue	1 Hour
Greenbrook Road	10 Hours
Grove Street	23 Hours
Leland Avenue	2 Hours
Mountain Avenue	7 Hours
Maple Avenue	1 Hour
Myrtle Avenue	13 Hours
Netherwood Avenue	1 Hour
Norwood Avenue	13 Hours
Pearl Street	1 Hour
Route 22	22 Hours
Somerset Street	29 Hours

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Warfield Road	5 Hours
Watchung Avenue	11 Hours
West End Avenue	9 Hours
Westervelt Avenue	5 Hours
Radar Posts Highlighted	170 Hours
Total Radar Posts	173
Total Radar Hours	206

### School Enforcement:

SCHOOL	TIME SPENT
East End School	7.5 Hours
Somerset School	3.5 Hours
Stonybrook School	13.5 Hours
West End School	12.5 Hours
High School	7 Hours
Charter School	7 Hours

### Speed Sign:

STREET	LENGTH OF TIME
Parkview Ave.	06/01/18-06/30/18
Warfield Road	06/01/18-06/30/18
Westervelt Ave.	06/01/18-06/30/18
Farragut Road	06/01/18-06/30/18

### Miscellaneous Information:

- Unmarked patrol was conducted in the borough for a total of 165 hours covering a total of 927 miles.
- We responded to 92 Rescue squad calls.
- We conducted 140 building or premise checks.
- We conducted 39 school premise checks.
- We conducted 105 walking beats.
- We investigated 51 General alarms.
- We made 251 Motor Vehicle Stops.

### Parking Enforcement Report:

Tickets:	Title 39		Meter Related		Total	
	Month /	YTD	Month /	YTD	Month /	YTD
Totals	287	1,239	340	1,510	627	279

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Meters		Permits		Total Revenue	
Monthly	/ YTD	Monthly	/ YTD	Monthly	/ YTD
10,725.00	62,758.74	140.00	5,570.00	10,865.00	68,328.74

## Monthly Accident Totals June 2018

**Accidents for the Month: 79**

**Summons Issued at Accidents:**

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	0
Hazardous	26	Non Hazardous	22
Alcohol Related	0		

**Breakdown of Reportable/Non-Reportable Accidents:**

Rt 22-Reportable	37	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	1
Boro Streets- Reportable	26	Boro St Non-Reportable	1
Private Property-Reportable	11	Private Prop Non-Reportable	3
Total Reportable Accidents	74	Total Non-Reportable Accidents	5

**Accident Injury Report:**

Reports W/Injuries	13
Persons Injured	16
Fatal Accidents	0

**Accidents Year To Date (YTD): 441**

**Summons Issued at Accidents:**

Refuse Breath Test	0	Driving While Intoxicated	6
Hazardous	114	Non Hazardous	61
Alcohol	0		

**Breakdown of Reportable and Non-Reportable**

Rt 22-Reportable	151	Rt 22 Non-Reportable	25
Boro Streets- Reportable	177	Boro St Non-Reportable	19
Private Property-Reportable	50	Private Prop Non-Reportable	19
Total Reportable Accidents	378	Total Non-Reportable	63

**Accident Injury Report:**

Reports W/Injuries	58
Persons Injured	85



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Fatal Accidents

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Miscellaneous Information Traffic:

- Traffic covered crossing posts
- Traffic cover 18 hours as court Officer.
- Sgt. Kardos responded along with the Somerset County C.A.R.T to Route 22 East near Watchung Ave. for a serious pedestrian accident.
- Ofc. Mote attended Advanced Traffic Investigation class.
- Sgt. Kardos prepared ordinances for around the Charter School.
- Sgt. Kardos spoke to math class about using math in a career.
- The crossing guard recognition ceremony was on June 12<sup>th</sup> at East End School.

### Service Division

	Month	YTD
Fees Collected	\$263.60	\$3,045.75
Calls for Service/Responses	2,343	14,227
Discovery Requests	12	94
Report Requests	388	1,659
Pieces of Evidence/ Property	71	309

Offense	Month	YTD
Homicide	0	0
Rape	2	4
Robbery	1	6
Assault, Agg:	2	4
Assault Simple	11	74
Burglary	3	19
Larceny	26	134
M.V. Theft	1	6
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	28	133
Bias Incidents	0	0

Monthly Arrest Analysis

	Month		YTD	
	Adult	Juv	Adult	Juv
Murder	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	2	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	1	0	6	0
Burglary	0	0	2	0
Larceny/Theft	5	1	14	5
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0

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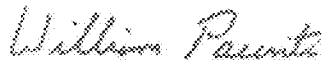
Simple Assault	3	0	25	1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	0	3	0
Fraud	1	0	5	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	2	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	3	0
Weapons	0	0	3	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	1	0	1	0
Violation of Drug Laws	9	0	59	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	3	0	17	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	10	2
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	7	0	58	0
<b>Total UCR Arrests for Month</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>9</b>
Contempt of Court Arrests Other	<b>30</b>	0	<b>212</b>	0
<b>Grand Total Arrests for Month</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>9</b>

**Month**

**YTD**

- **1 Juvenile Arrest for the Month**

Respectfully submitted,



William G. Parenti  
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