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Township residents tip results in arrest

Township of Washington Police Chief Randy Ciocco wishes to announce the arrest of 36-year-old Claudio Toribio, of Brentwood, New York, and 35-year-old Norkelis Hilario of Brooksville, Florida, for Trafficking in personal identifying information pertaining to another as well as theft by unlawful taking. This arrest stemmed from an investigation conducted by Cpl Saverio Fasciano, Police Officer Heather Castronova, Police Officer Vincent Montalbano and Detective Sergeant John Calamari. The apprehension was assisted by Police Officer Jeff Angermeyer of the Hillsdale Police Department and Police Officer Anthony Balestrieri of the Ho-Ho-Kus Police Department.

On the afternoon of March 25, 2012 at approximately 2:50 p.m., desk officer Sgt Scherer received a call of a suspicious party from a Township resident. The resident provided a description of a male party looking into mailboxes along Washington Avenue in the Township. Cpl Saverio Fasciano and Police Officer Heather Castronova were dispatched accordingly. Upon checking the area Cpl. Fasciano observed a vehicle parked along Washington Avenue, occupied by a female and male party matching the description provided by the resident. Shortly thereafter, Police Officer Castronova arrived on scene to assist Cpl Fasciano. The male passenger Claudio Toribio, unaware of Officer Castronova's approach to the vehicle discarded an item of mail belonging to a Township resident. Acting quickly, the Officers detained both parties with assistance from Ho-Ho-Kus Police Officer Anthony Balestrieri, and Hillsdale Police Officer Jeff Angermeyer. As a result the male and female were taken into custody, transported to Township of Washington Police Headquarters, processed and charged with Trafficking in personal identifying information pertaining to another, a crime of the Fourth Degree, and Theft by unlawful taking, a disorderly persons offense. Bail was set at \$7,500.00 full cash bail each.

Chief Ciocco states that defendants in every case are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Furthermore, Chief Ciocco would like to recognize Cpl Fasciano and P.O. Castronova for their keen observations during this incident. Moreover, Chief Ciocco would like to acknowledge the Hillsdale Police Department, under the direction of Chief Chip Stalter and Ho-Ho-Kus Police Department, under the direction of Chief John Wanamaker. The Township of Washington Police Department relies on surrounding Police agencies for help and support.

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Lastly, The Township Police would like to point out that:

This incident is yet another example of the lengths that thieves and scam artists will go to while targeting unsuspecting citizens. The prevention of identity theft and the security of our personal credit are paramount.



Date of Arrest: 3/25/12

Arresting Agency: Township of Washington Police Department

Suspect: Claudio Toribio

Age: 36

Residence: Brentwood, NY

Charges: Trafficking in personal identifying information pertaining to another, Theft by unlawful taking



Date of Arrest: 3/25/12

Arresting Agency: Township of Washington Police Department

Suspect: Norkelis Hilario

Age: 35

Residence: Brooksville, FL

Charges: Trafficking in personal identifying information pertaining to another, Theft by unlawful taking

The Township of Washington is located in the northern portion of Bergen County, which is in the far northeastern corner of New Jersey, 15 miles northwest of New York City. The Washington Twp. Police Department was established by ordinance in April 1934, and expanded, along with the town, in the 1950's. Presently, the Township of Washington has approximately 10,000 residents who are protected by 21 full-time sworn police officers, under the direction of Police Chief Randy Ciocco. Community policing initiatives and educational outreach throughout the community are among the top priorities for the department's organizational focus.