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Suspicious vehicle results in Township Officer arresting Drunk Driver

Washington Township Police Chief Randy Ciocco wishes to announce the arrest of a 20-year-old man for DWI on Saturday, January 7, 2012. This arrest stemmed from an investigation conducted by Police Officer Christopher Reilly, after he observed a suspicious vehicle.

In the early morning hours of January 7, 2012, at approximately 3:00 A.M., Officer Reilly was on motor patrol on the Townships west side of town. Officer Reilly observed a vehicle on School Street stopped in the roadway and conducted a motor vehicle stop.

While interviewing the driver Officer Reilly detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from the 20-year-old's breath. At this point Police Officer Richard Parsells arrived as back up for Officer Reilly.

The Standard Field Sobriety Test was conducted on the side of the road. The 20-year-old was arrested and transported to Washington Township Police Headquarters. He was subsequently cited for Driving While Intoxicated, Underage Driver with a B.A.C. of 0.01% to 0.07%, and Improper Parking.

His vehicle was impounded and he was released to the custody of a responsible party, pending a future court appearance in the Township of Washington Municipal Court.

Chief Ciocco states the defendants in every case are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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.

