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Township Officer arrests Drunk Driver

Washington Township Police Chief Randy Ciocco wishes to announce the arrest of a 20-year-old Oradell man for DWI on Tuesday, December 27, 2011. This arrest stemmed from a motor vehicle stop conducted by Police Officer Travis Cangialosi after he observed the vehicle while backing up Police Officer Christopher Reilly on a motor vehicle stop.

In the early morning hours of December 27, 2011, at approximately 12:44 A.M., Officer Cangialosi was on motor patrol backing up a motor vehicle stop conducted by Officer Reilly on northbound Pascack Road. Officer Cangialosi noticed a vehicle driving southbound on Pascack Road with a loud sound of the vehicle having a flat tire. Officer Cangialosi got in his patrol car and made the motor vehicle stop on southbound Pascack Road by Pine Lake Drive. Officer Reilly backed him up.

Officer Cangialosi detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from the 20-year-old's breath, damage to the front driver side of the vehicle, a crack in the windshield and the front passenger side tire was flat and deteriorated almost to the rim.

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%, Refusal to Submit to a Breath Test, Unregistered Vehicle, Uninsured Vehicle, Maintenance of Lamps, Reckless Driving, Improper Safety Glass, Open or Unsealed Alcoholic Beverage in Vehicle and Unsafe Vehicle.

Further investigation revealed the 20-year-old was in possession of a fake Pennsylvania Driver's License. The 20-year-old was also charged with possession of the fraudulent means of government identification. 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.