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**Paramus Man causes alarm at local establishment, arrested for Drug Paraphernalia and other Criminal Charges**

Township of Washington Police Chief Randy Ciocco wishes to announce the arrest of a 27-year-old Old Paramus man for several criminal charges on Friday, February 24, 2012. This arrest stemmed from an investigation conducted by Police Officer Vincent Montalbano and Police Officer Heather Castronova.

On the evening of Friday, February 24, 2012, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Police Headquarters received a phone call from the Bacari Grill. The caller stated a white male had entered the establishment yelling and cursing causing alarm before leaving the scene. Officer Vincent Montalbano and Police Officer Heather Castronova were dispatched accordingly. Upon arrival to the area moments later, Officer Montalbano and Officer Castronova came upon a 27-year-old Paramus man who was walking on Ridgewood Road in the area of Westwood High School.

As such, Officer Montalbano and Officer Castronova conducted an investigation. The 27-year-old Paramus man was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and under the influence of alcohol. The Paramus man was taken into custody to which he resisted while being transported to headquarters for processing.

Once at the Police Station the Paramus man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, and Criminal Mischief. The Township of Washington Ambulance Corp transported the man for further evaluation to an area hospital.

Chief Ciocco states that defendants in every case are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Furthermore, Chief Ciocco would like to thank the men and women of the Township of Washington E.M.S for their response to this incident.

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.