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On September 1, 2015 at 9:00 P.M., a White Birch Road resident called the Twp PD to report a suspicious male in the area. P.O. Osenbruck was dispatched and responded to White Birch Rd where he was flagged down by the resident. The resident explained to Officer Osenbruck that the white male was walking in the area of Washington School with a back pack on. The witness stated it was not someone he was familiar with in the neighborhood so it aroused his suspicion. Officer Osenbruck located the male in question on White Birch Rd. P.O. Osenbruck asked the male for identification and if he was in need of assistance. The male gave Officer Osenbruck his NJ Driver's License and went on to explain he was between living arrangements in town and another county. At this point Sgt Lawton, P.O. Jackson and P.O. Parsells arrived on scene. Once the other Officers arrived on scene the male, identified as James Laube, then changed his story as to why he was walking around at that time of night with a backpack. Further investigation revealed he had an outstanding \$5,000.00 warrant out of the city of Newark. Mr. Laube was taken into custody. He was checked for officer Safety prior to being transported to Police Headquarters and was found to be in possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia. Once at HQ Mr. Laub was charged with two counts of a controlled dangerous substance and one count of drug paraphernalia and transported to the Bergen County Jail.

Chief Hooper would like to thank the Twp. residents in the instance and so many others for being the eyes and ears of our community. "Through fluid cooperation and timely reports of suspicious activity our Officers are able to ensure the safety of the Twp. residents."



JAMES LAUBE 09/16/1980