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Dover Man attempts to pass fake prescription at Rite Aid

Township of Washington Police Chief Randy Ciocco announces the arrest of 22-year-old Omar Nieves, of Dover, New Jersey, for providing a fraudulent prescription for oxycodone at the Rite Aid in the Township, as well as providing a fake drivers license to Law Enforcement. This arrest stemmed from an investigation conducted by Cpl Arsenio Pecora, Police Officer Steven Riedel and Police Officer Heather Castronova.

On the afternoon of August 10, 2012 at approximately 4:00 p.m., desk officer Cpl Pecora received a call of a suspicious party from the pharmacist at the Rite Aid located on Pascack Rd in the Township. The pharmacist provided a description of a male party attempting to pass a fraudulent prescription. Police Officer Steven Riedel and Police Officer Heather Castronova were dispatched accordingly. Upon entering the Rite Aid P.O. Riedel observed male party matching the description provided by the pharmacist. Acting quickly, the Officers detained the male who was attempting to exit the store. As a result the male was taken into custody, transported to Township of Washington Police Headquarters, processed and charged with obtaining a controlled dangerous substance by fraud, a crime of the Third Degree, and exhibiting a fraudulent driver license, a crime of the Third Degree. Bail was set at \$10,000.00 full cash bail.

Chief Ciocco states that defendants in every case are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Furthermore, Chief Ciocco would like to recognize P.O. Riedel for his keen observations during this incident.

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

This incident is yet another example of the lengths that scam artists will go in order to obtain prescription drugs.



Date of Arrest: 08/10/12

Arresting Agency: Township of Washington Police Department

Suspect: Omar Nieves

Age: 22

Residence: Dover, NJ

Charges: Obtaining Controlled Dangerous Substance by fraud, Exhibiting fraudulent drivers license to Law Enforcement along with a pending charge of forgery.

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.