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Suspicious activity results in warrant arrest

Township of Washington Police Chief Randy Ciocco wishes to announce the arrest of a 28-year-old Old Paterson man for an outstanding arrest warrant on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. This arrest stemmed from an investigation conducted by Police Officer Travis Cangialosi.

While on motor patrol on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at approximately 18:59 hours, Police Officer Travis Cangialosi observed a motor vehicle parked in a secluded area of the Township Shopping Center. As such, Officer Cangialosi interviewed the 28-year-old man from Paterson.

Upon further investigation, Officer Cangialosi discovered the driver had recently been released from state prison and was wearing an electronic monitoring bracelet. A computer records check also revealed that the driver had an outstanding traffic warrant from the City of Paterson and was operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. Accordingly, the driver was taken into custody without incident and transported Police Headquarters.

After further investigation he was released, pending a future court appearance and issued a summons for unlicensed driver.

Chief Ciocco states that defendants in every case are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Furthermore, Chief Ciocco recognized Officer Cangialosi for his diligence while on patrol.

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.

