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Traffic stop results in warrant arrest

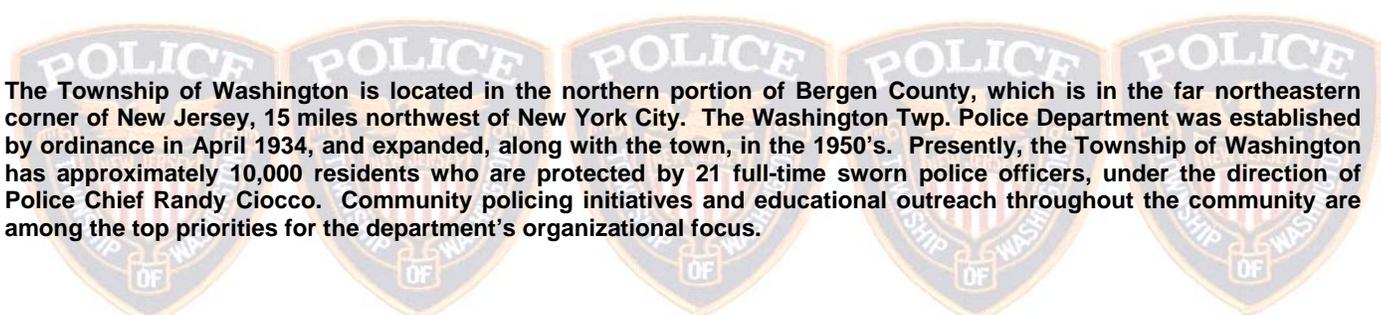
Township of Washington Police Chief Randy Ciocco wishes to announce the arrest of a 32-year-old Westwood man for an outstanding arrest warrant on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. This arrest stemmed from an investigation conducted by Police Officer Christopher Reilly.

While on motor patrol on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at approximately 11:39 hours, Police Officer Christopher Reilly observed a Honda civic driving eastbound on Washington Ave with an expired inspection decal. As such, Officer Reilly affected a traffic stop and interviewed the 32-year-old driver from Westwood.

Upon further investigation, Officer Reilly discovered the driver had an outstanding traffic warrant, was operating a vehicle on the suspended or revoked list as well as the vehicles registration was not valid. Accordingly, the driver was taken into custody without incident and transported Police Headquarters for arrest processing.

At Police Headquarters, he was given the opportunity to raise funds for the requisite bail set by the court. A short time later he successfully posted his bail and was released on his recognizance, pending a future court appearance. He was cited for operating a motor vehicle while on the suspended or revoked list, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle and an expired inspection decal.

Chief Ciocco states that defendants in every case are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Furthermore, Chief Ciocco recognized Officer Reilly 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.