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Traffic stop results in warrant arrest

Township of Washington Police Chief Randy Ciocco wishes to announce the arrest of a 22-year-old Old Tappan woman for an outstanding arrest warrant on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. This arrest stemmed from an investigation conducted by Police Officer Travis Cangialosi.

While on motor patrol on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at approximately 21:49 hours, Police Officer Travis Cangialosi observed a motor vehicle driving northbound on Pascack Road with a malfunctioning head light. As such, Officer Cangialosi affected a traffic stop and interviewed the 22-year-old driver from Old Tappan. Shortly, thereafter Police Officer Richard Parsells arrived on scene.

Upon further investigation, Officer Cangialosi discovered the driver had an outstanding traffic warrant and was operating a motor vehicle on the revoked list. Accordingly, the driver was taken into custody without incident and transported Police Headquarters for arrest processing.

At Police Headquarters, she was given the opportunity to raise funds for the requisite bail set by the court. A short time later she successfully posted her bail and was released on her recognizance, pending a future court appearance. She was cited for the original violation and operating a motor vehicle on the suspended or revoked list.

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.

