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Township Police catch Serial Burglar

On Friday July 25th 2014 at 22:30 hours Township officers were dispatched to the bureau of Hillsdale to assist on a burglary attempt. While assisting the Hillsdale Police, Washington Township Officer Cangialosi and Officer Ferrarini, who were in a two-man patrol unit, were dispatched to a burglary in process on Hoover Ave in the Township. Upon their arrival, Officers met with the homeowner who stated he entered his house after observing the garage door open and heard someone in the residence. Township Sgt Thomas Lawton along with off duty Hackensack Detective Bill Inghima and Westwood Officer Joe Cottone arrived on scene and cleared the residence with negative results. Officers observed the rear sliding door to the residence was open and a vehicle that did not belong in the area was parked along Hoover Ave. The above officers, with the assistance of a Bergen county sheriffs department K-9, located the suspect Corey Degroat of Englewood lying in the woods to the rear of the residence and adjacent to the Garden State Parkway. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to an area hospital for injuries he sustained while fleeing the residence.



***Mr. Degroat is being held on \$500,000.00 no 10%**

Acting Police Chief Glenn Hooper would like to point out the hard work and rapid response of all the responding Agencies to this incident. Through fluid communication, cooperation and common goals shared between the Township of Washington Police Department, Westwood Police Department, Hillsdale Police Department, Ho-Ho-Kus Police Department, Ridgewood Police Department, Emerson Police Department, Bergen County Sheriffs Department, and the Bergen County Police Department, emergencies such as this one are quickly tackled through a professional and diligent response.

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 Acting Police Chief Glenn Hooper. *Community policing initiatives and educational outreach throughout the community are among the top priorities for the department's organizational focus.*