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WESTFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES RECENT ARRESTS RESULTING FROM NUMEROUS EARLY MORNING VEHICLE BURGLARIES

WESTFIELD – MARCH 30, 2021 – Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro has announced the recent arrests of three (3) 16-year old males, all from Plainfield, on charges resulting from numerous early morning vehicle burglaries.

According to Chief Battiloro, the Westfield Police Department responded to the 700 block of Lamberts Mill Road on Friday, March 26, 2021, at approximately 6:19 AM on a report from a passerby of three (3) suspicious persons, who were reportedly wearing ski masks and hitchhiking.

Upon arrival in the area, Officer Joseph Saunders and Frank Moya located the persons in question on nearby Bayberry Lane. Pursuant to an investigation initiated by these officers, all three (3) were subsequently placed under arrest.

Two (2) of the juveniles were charged with Receiving Stolen Property, 2C:20-7A, as it was determined both were in possession of proceeds from apparent area vehicle burglaries, including a victim's wallet. The third juvenile was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, 2C:35-10A(1), specifically suspected MDMA, or "ecstasy."

Chief Battiloro stated the Westfield Police Department subsequently discovered or received reports of at least (10) burglaries to unlocked vehicles, which occurred at or near the following locations during the early morning hours on Friday, March 26, 2021:

- 100 block of Hazel Avenue;
- 700 block of Lamberts Mill Road;
- 800 block of Knollwood Terrace;
- 800 block of Nancy Way;
- 800 block of Shadowlawn Drive.



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All three (3) juveniles were processed at the Westfield Police Department, served with juvenile delinquency complaints, and then released to a responsible adult.

Chief Battiloro reiterated comments previously made about motor vehicle thefts and burglaries. “These acts will undoubtedly continue until Westfield residents take the proper precautions to protect their property. This includes locking their vehicles, taking their keys, hiding their things, and doing their part.”

Anyone with information relating to these recent vehicle burglaries is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Lauren Maloney by telephone at 908-789-6086 or by e-mail at lmaloney@wpdnj.org.

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