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### **New Providence Police Department Press Release**

#### **Deerfield Road, Springfield Ave, Ethan Drive - Motor Vehicle Burglaries with Arrest** September 23, 2025

On September 23, 2025 at approximately 11:44 am, officers responded to Deerfield Road after a resident witnessed an individual enter their neighbor's vehicle. The witness contacted the Police Department then observed the suspect attempt to enter two other vehicles. Upon arrival, Officers checked the area and learned the suspect fled on foot towards South Street. A search for the suspect continued when the Police Department received another complaint of an attempted burglary in the Hawthorne Drive area. The description of this suspect matched the description of the individual from Deerfield Road. A search continued with the assistance of the Summit Police Department, Berkeley Heights Police Department, Union County Sheriff's K-9 Unit, and the Union County Police Drone Unit. During the search, Officers were alerted to two additional motor vehicle burglaries on the 1600 block of Springfield Avenue and two more attempted motor vehicle burglaries on Ethan Drive.

At approximately 1:53 pm, Officers located the suspect on Union Avenue near the search perimeter, who was arrested without incident. Through the continuing investigation, Officers were able to identify the suspect as Saleem Martins, age 20 of Elizabeth, New Jersey. Mr. Martins was charged with five counts of motor vehicle burglary, two counts of attempted motor vehicle burglary, possession of burglary tools, resisting arrest by flight, hindering apprehension, and obstruction of the administration of the law. Mr. Martins will be lodged in the Union County Jail pending a Superior Court date.

The New Providence Detective Bureau is continuing the investigation of these burglaries. Any residents who may have seen something suspicious or captured suspicious activity on their surveillance cameras in any of these areas are requested to contact the New Providence Detective Bureau at 908-665-1111 or [detectivebureau@nppolice.org](mailto:detectivebureau@nppolice.org).

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