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On September 27, 2025 at approximately 7:03 pm, employees of a business in the Village Shopping Center reported there was an intoxicated male on their property yelling in their bathroom for several hours. The individual had previously been issued a warning for trespassing at this business. Officers located Johannes Zarzycki, age 69, of New Providence in the bathroom with several open containers of alcohol. Mr. Zarzycki was arrested for trespassing and issued a Borough ordinance summons for consuming and possessing alcohol in a prohibited business zone. He was also charged with criminal mischief for purposefully urinating on the floor of the Police Department while in custody. He was charged and released to a sober party pending a New Providence Municipal Court date.

On September 27, 2025 at approximately 5:07 pm, Kazir Stokes, age 23 of Orange was arrested for possession of more than 6 ounces of cannabis and distribution of CDS after his vehicle was stopped for a motor vehicle violation on South Street. During an investigation it was determined that Mr. Stokes was in possession of CDS along with drug paraphernalia, packaging material, and a scale. He was charged and turned over to the Essex County Jail awaiting a Union County Superior Court date.

On October 6, 2025 at approximately 3:13 am, Kenny Matthews, age 39, of Newark was arrested on active warrants out of Newark and Parsippany after his vehicle was stopped on Mountain Avenue for a motor vehicle violation. A check of Mr. Matthews' license during the stop revealed the warrants. He was issued a summons for the motor vehicle violation and released on his own recognizance pending municipal court dates.

On October 10, 2025 at approximately 12:39 pm, a manager of a Central Avenue business reported the theft of a freight from a trailer valued at over \$42,000.00. It was reported that the trailer was transported from the business' other location and was delivered to the New Providence location. The theft is currently under investigation by the New Providence Detective Bureau.

On October 11, 2025 at approximately 11:53 pm, Joseph Smithbethea, age 46, of Newark was arrested on an active warrant out of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office after his vehicle was stopped for motor vehicle

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violations that occurred on Diamond Hill Road. A check of Mr. Smithbethea's license revealed the warrant and that his license was also suspended. Mr. Smithbethea was turned over to the Somerset County Sheriff's Office.

On October 11, 2025 at approximately 2:41 pm, a resident on Bergen Road reported that their supporter sign for a candidate for the School Board, located on their front lawn, was purposefully run over by a vehicle. After an investigation was conducted by the New Providence Detective Bureau, Miguel Marshall, age 43 of New Providence was charged with the disorderly person offense of criminal mischief. He was also charged with motor vehicle offenses of reckless driving, failure to maintain lane, leaving the scene of crash, and failure to report a crash. Mr. Marshall was given a mandatory New Providence Municipal Court date.

These charges are mere accusations. Every defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.