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On November 4, 2025 at approximately 9:06 am, Johnny Vargas-Diaz, age 47, of Succasunna was arrested for hindering apprehension after he provided officers with false identification during a motor vehicle stop. Mr. Vargas-Diaz was stopped on Central Avenue after his vehicle was found to be violating the weight restrictions on Maple Street. Mr. Vargas-Diaz was also charged with two motor vehicle summonses and released pending a Union County Superior Court date.

On November 10, 2025 at approximately 8:30 am, Pedro Perez, age 38, of New Brunswick was arrested for uttering false government documents after his vehicle was stopped on Springfield Avenue for a motor vehicle violation. Mr. Perez was charged with having a fraudulent license plate on the vehicle along with providing fraudulent registration and insurance cards to the officers. Mr. Perez was also issued several motor vehicle summonses and released pending a Union County Superior Court date.

On November 12, 2025 at approximately 3:21 pm, Wilson Silva, age 43, of Elizabeth was arrested and charged with terroristic threats, unlawful possession of a weapon, and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose after an altercation occurred between Mr. Silva and a coworker. It was reported that an argument between Mr. Silva and a coworker became aggressive and Mr. Silva took a knife and threatened the other party. An investigation was conducted by officers which led to the charges. Mr. Silva was arrested and transported to the Union County Jail pending a Union County Superior Court date.

On November 15, 2025 at approximately 7:48 pm, Diogenes Santos Meza, age 45, of Bloomfield was arrested for DWI after his vehicle was stopped on South Street for motor vehicle violations. After an investigation was conducted, it was determined that he was under the influence of an intoxicating substance. Mr. Santos Meza was charged with DWI along with motor vehicle violations and was released to a sober party pending a New Providence Municipal Court date.

On November 17, 2025, Matthew Fay, age 63, of New Providence was charged with three counts of child endangerment and a Borough ordinance violation stemming from an incident involving several juveniles. The investigation revealed Mr. Fay reportedly chased a group of juveniles into a local park, after they were on his property, where it was determined that he struck three separate juveniles after confronting them about being on his property. Mr. Fay was arrested and transported to the Union County Jail pending a Union County Superior Court date.

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

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