

Monthly Report

April 2020



Accreditation demonstrates the professional achievements of the men and women of this Department. This recognition further demonstrates our collective dedication to excellence in professional Law Enforcement. By voluntarily meeting New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission standards, the North Plainfield Police Department has shown itself willing to be held to a higher level of professionalism, building trust between the Department and the citizens it serves

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NORTH PLAINFIELD POLICE APRIL 2020 MONTHLY REPORT

North Plainfield, NJ 07060
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ADMINISTRATION:

Staffing:

The Police Department is operating below its authorized strength of 48 sworn Officers and 6 full-time civilian personnel. Staffing and deficiencies:

- 1 Lieutenant's position
- 3 Patrol Officers

Injured Officers/Officers on Leave:

- Officer Jean-Baptiste was placed on administrative leave March 6, 2017, due to a complaint requiring an investigation. As of April 30, 2020, he was out of work for 713 days.
- Officer Roberto DeJesus was injured on duty on August 2, 2019 during a motor vehicle stop. As of January 27, 2020, he was cleared for light duty, he was out of patrol type work for 150 days.
- Officer Jesus Medina went out on sick leave with an off-duty injury on January 12, 2020. On March 25, 2020 he was cleared for light duty and has been assisting with a shift shortage for dispatch since that day. He has been out of patrol type work for 59 days as of April 30, 2020.
- Sergeant Edward Sinker went out on sick leave with an off-duty injury on February 10, 2020. He returned to work on April 3, 2020. He missed a total of 28 work days.
- Officer Sabrina Romasz was treated for precautionary measures due to a possible exposure to a Covid 19 patient on March 18, 2020. She returned to work after missing 6 days.

Promotions, New Hires and Retirements:

- There were no promotions, retirements, or new officers hired.

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A Sample of Investigations & Arrests

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On April 6, 2020 at approximately 1:00 PM, a male walked up to a residence on Washington Ave and entered an enclosed vestibule. The male then picked up a large box that had been delivered to the resident and fled the area. The package contained approximately \$500.00 worth of various items. Detectives investigated and responded to the area in an attempt to locate video surveillance. Home surveillance was located next door and police were able to see the suspect entering the residence and stealing the package. Police were able to immediately identify the suspect from past theft investigations. The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office was contacted and 3rd degree theft charges were authorized. The suspect was served with a summons and will have to appear in Superior Court.

On April 20, 2020 at approximately 7:00 PM, police were dispatched to a pharmacy located on Rt. 22 East on the report of a shoplifter in the store. On arrival, police learned that the suspect was last seen running down the street carrying a large bag of stolen items. Police were able to set up a perimeter and surround the suspect before he could escape the area. The suspect was soon located hiding under a parked car and he was placed under arrest. The suspect was subsequently charged with shoplifting and resisting arrest by flight. The suspect was served with a summons and a court date to appear.

On April 4, 2020 at approximately 10:00 AM, police were dispatched to a vacant residence located on Myrtle Ave. A contractor had just been at the residence and had seen that someone had forced entry into the residence. Numerous officers surrounded the home and then cleared each room methodically until finally locating the suspect on the 3rd floor. The suspect was found hiding underneath a bed attempting to conceal himself. The suspect was arrested and charged with trespassing and criminal mischief. The suspect was served a summons with a court date to appear in the future.

NOTE: We are required by the Rules of Court to include herein a statement explaining that the charges are merely an accusation and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

A comparison of Adult incident reports:

	Month	YTD
Investigated	50	290
Closed	32	180
Active	7	9
Suspended	11	101
Unfounded	4	21
Forwarded to SCPO	12	37

A comparison of Juvenile incident reports:

