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- Misdemeanor - Operating on Suspended License (3rd Offense):** On Friday, February 24, 2017, at 1:23 PM, Corporal William Litterio arrested **Frank Bailey**, age 50, of 143 Tower Street, Westerly on a charge of **Operating on a Suspended License (3rd suspended license violation)**, after a motor vehicle stop on Church Street revealed that his license had been suspended on August 30, 2005 for *Failure to Appear/Pay*. Mr. Bailey was processed at the station, and was released with a summons to appear in 4th District Court for arraignment.
- Wayward Juvenile - Driving without a License & Crossing Highways By Youthful Operator Prohibited:** On Saturday, February 25, 2017, at 5:03 PM, Patrolman Ryan Donohue arrested a **15-year-old male resident of Richmond** after the youth drove an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) directly in front of the officer's cruiser onto a public roadway, Church Street, and then recklessly drove into the opposite lane of travel before abruptly turning into a nearby driveway. The department had been receiving numerous complaints from residents in the area about similar behavior by youths operating unregistered vehicles on public roadways. The youth was subsequently released to the custody of his mother, and the ATV was towed. He shall be petitioned into Family Court on the above charge.
- FELONY - Possession of a Controlled Substance (OxyContin/Oxycodone) and Misdemeanor - Obstruction & Resisting Arrest:** On Sunday, February 26, 2017 at approximately 5:12 PM Corporal William Litterio arrested **May E. Sorlien**, age 28, of 12B Railroad St., Richmond on charges of (1) **Possession of a Controlled Substance (OxyContin)** (2) **Possession of a Controlled Substance (Oxycodone)** (3) **Obstruction of a Police Officer**, and (4) **Resisting Arrest** after the officer stopped her unregistered vehicle on Kenyon School Road. While standing outside of her unregistered vehicle, Ms. Sorlien grabbed her purse and hurriedly walked briskly away from the officer. Corporal Litterio caught her and attempted to restrain her as she struggled and to reach inside her purse. She was arrested, which revealed the above narcotics for which she had no prescription. The officer was assisted at the scene by the Charlestown Police Department and other Richmond officers. Ms. Sorlien was processed at the station, and was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Michael Robinson. She was released on personal recognizance.

4. **Misdemeanor – Operating on Suspended License (3rd Offense):** On Monday, February 27, 2017, at 2:00 PM, Patrolman Brock Taylor arrested **Christopher D. Berard**, age 24, of 381 North Road, Hopkinton on a charge of **Operating on a Suspended License (3rd suspended license violation)**, after a Good Samaritan called to report an erratic operator speeding along Kingstown Road. Patrolman Taylor intercepted the suspect vehicle on Kingstown Road and conducted a motor vehicle stop in the Stop & Shop Plaza, which revealed that Mr. Berard’s license had been suspended on August 25, 2015. Mr. Bailey was issued a summons to appear in 4th District Court for arraignment on March 23, 2017.
5. **Misdemeanor – Domestic Disorderly Conduct & Domestic Vandalism:** On Monday, February 27, 2017 at approximately at 9:27 PM, Patrolmen Jeff Vaughn, Andy Briody, and Corporal William Litterio responded to a 9-1-1 report of a domestic disturbance in progress at 515 Kingstown Road and arrested **Daniel Marelli**, age 30, of that address on charges of (1) **Domestic Disorderly Conduct** and (2) **Domestic Vandalism**. He was processed at the station, and was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Joseph Scott. He was released on \$2,000 personal recognizance and was issued a no-contact order barring him from his alleged victim.
6. **Misdemeanor – Filing a False Report of a Crime:** On Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at approximately at 10:48 AM, Lieutenant John Arnold and Sergeant Michael Lawing responded to a 9-1-1 report of a domestic disturbance in progress at 18 Whispering Pines Road and arrested **Vincent Maher**, age 24, of 15 Forest Street, Apt. A, Warwick on charges of **Filing a False Report of a Crime**, after learning that Mr. Maher had falsely reported that his significant other had repeatedly struck him during a dispute to try and expedite police response. He was processed at the station, and was released with a summons to appear in 4th District Court for arraignment on the above charge on March 16, 2017.
7. **ELONY – Possession of a Controlled Substance & Misdemeanor – DUI (1st offense – BAC unknown):** On Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at approximately 7:39 PM, Corporal William Litterio arrested **Krista J. Garrett**, age 55, of 856 Boston Neck Road, Narragansett on charges of (1) **Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedule III Alprazolam)**, (2) **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/ or Drugs (1st offense - BAC unknown)**, and (3) **Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test (civil)**, after being dispatched to a motor vehicle accident on Church Street involving two cars. Investigation revealed that Mrs. Garrett’s vehicle rear-ended a vehicle ahead of her that had slowed to execute a turn. She was arrested on suspicion of DUI after performing a series of standard field sobriety tests. She was processed at the station, and was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Michael Robinson. She was released on \$10,000 personal recognizance.

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