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1. **FELONY: Delivery of a Schedule II Controlled Substance to a Police Officer, and Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver:**

On Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at approximately 9:30 AM, members of the Richmond Police Department, along with two detectives from the Westerly Police Department, responded to 1152 Main Street, Wyoming, and arrested **Christopher Badessa**, age 21, of that address, on the strength of an arrest warrant for narcotics offenses. Officers also executed a court-authorized search warrant at that address which led to the seizure of **twenty-two (22) Oxycodone (Percocet) pills** (controlled substance without a prescription), and over **\$3,000 in cash**. The arrest warrant and search warrant were the result of a month-long investigation by Detective Drew Bishop into information that Mr. Badessa had been selling narcotics from his home. On three (3) occasions, an undercover detective with the Westerly Police Department made hand-to-hand purchases of controlled

substances from Mr. Badessa at 1152 Main Street. Mr. Badessa was returned to the station where he was processed. He was later arraigned in 4th District Court on felony drug charges, including: three (3) counts of **Delivery of a Schedule II Controlled Substance (Oxycodone)**; and one count of (1) **Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver (Oxycodone)**. In addition to the above charges, Mr. Badessa was presented as a probation violator. The Richmond Police Department is grateful for the investigative assistance rendered by the Westerly Police Department.

2. **Misdemeanor - Operating on a Suspended License (3rd Offense)**: On Monday, November 24th, 2016, at approximately 2:24 AM, Corporal William Litterio and Patrolman Michael Jacome arrested **Stephanie J. Boisclair**, age 26, of 834 South Road, South Kingstown on a charge of **Operating on a Suspended License (3rd or subsequent offense)**, after a motor vehicle stop by Cpl. Litterio for speeding at **51-MPH in a posted 35-MPH-zone** on Kingstown Road during a grant-funded *Impaired Driving Enforcement* detail sponsored by the **Rhode Island Department of Transportation's Office on Highway Safety**. The stop revealed that her driver's license had been suspended on September 14, 2016, for *Driver's Record-Court*. Ms. Boisclair was transported to the station where she was processed, and was subsequently released with a summons to appear for arraignment in 4th District Court on the above charge.
3. **Bench Warrant**: On Friday, November 25, 2016, at approximately 3:45 PM, Corporal William Litterio arrested **Ian J. Hart**, age 25, of 8 Valley Drive, Hopkinton on the strength of an **outstanding Superior Court Full Bench Warrant** that had been issued on November 21, 2016, for *Probation Violation* after a motor vehicle stop on Main Street. Mr. Hart was on probation after being convicted in 2012 of *Breaking & Entering in the Nighttime with Felonious Intent* (Westerly PD). Mr. Hart was processed at the station, and was subsequently transported to the Intake Service Center at the ACI.
4. **Misdemeanor - DUI (1st offense - BAC .15 or greater) and Operating on a Suspended License (3rd Offense)**: On Sunday, November 27th, 2016 at approximately 11:10 PM, Corporal William Litterio and Patrolman Michael Jacome arrested **Shawn T. Angell**, age 24, of 16 Prospect Hill Avenue, West Warwick on a charge of (1) **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/ or Drugs (1st offense - BAC .15)**, and (2) **Operating on a Suspended License (3rd or subsequent offense)**, after a motor vehicle stop on Main Street by Cpl. Litterio during a grant-funded *Impaired Driving Enforcement* detail sponsored by the **Rhode Island Department of Transportation's Office on Highway Safety**. The stop also revealed that Mr. Angell's license had been suspended on May 23, 2013, for *Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility*. He was arrested on suspicion of DUI after performing a series of standard field sobriety tests, and submitted to a Breathalyzer test that resulted in BAC (blood-alcohol-content) readings of **.185 (1st phase)**, and **.165 (2nd phase)**. He was processed at the station and was later released with a summons to appear in 4th District Court on December 15th, 2016 for arraignment on the above charges.

5. **Bench Warrant:** On Monday, November 28, 2016, at approximately 2:57 PM, Patrolman Brock Taylor and Corporal William Litterio arrested **Ashley Bettencourt**, age 22, of 1026 Main Street, Apt. 28, Hope Valley on the strength of an **outstanding 4th District Court Bench Warrant** that had been issued on November 16, 2016, for *Failure to Appear/Pay* on an original conviction for *Shoplifting* (Richmond PD), after Patrolman Taylor conducted a motor vehicle stop at the Chariho Shopping Plaza on Main Street. Ms. Bettencourt was processed at the station, and was subsequently arraigned before Justice of the Peace Joseph Scott. She was released after posting the requisite surety bail of \$1,800 (or cash equivalent of \$188).
6. **Bench Warrant:** On Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at approximately 2:45 PM, Corporal William Litterio arrested **Joseph A Petit**, age 29, of 124 Arcadia Road, Hopkinton on the strength of an **outstanding Superior Court Full Bench Warrant (hold without bail)** that had been issued on October 24, 2016, for *Failure to Appear for Review* on an original charge of *Possession of a Controlled Substance* (Providence PD). The arrest was the result of a motor vehicle stop on Main Street after Corporal Litterio recognized the wanted subject climbing into a vehicle at the Speedway Gas Station. Mr. Petit was processed at the station, and was subsequently transported to the Intake Service Center at the ACI.

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