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1. **WAYWARD Juvenile - Possession of Firearm and Ammunition by Minor:** On Monday, August 28th, 2017, at 1:21 AM, Sergeant William Litterio and Patrolman Jeff Vaughn arrested a **17-year-old juvenile resident of Coventry** on charges of (1) **Possession of a Firearm by a Minor (.22 caliber rifle)**, and (2) **Possession of Ammunition by a Minor (under the age of 18)**, after Sergeant Litterio stopped a suspicious vehicle with four (4) teenagers after it pulled away from an open field on Route 138, and discovered the youths were in possession of a rifle, ammunition, a hunting bow, and a spotlight. The youths were suspected of jacklighting deer. The above youth was returned to the station and was subsequently released to his father. The RI Department of Environmental Management was notified of the arrest and incident. The youth shall be petitioned into Family Court on the above charges.
2. **Misdemeanor - Obstructing Officer in Execution of Duty:** On Wednesday, August 30th, 2017 at approximately 7:45 AM, Detective Drew Bishop arrested **Louis J. Pfanstiehl**, age 27, of 394 Arnold Road, Coventry after he surrendered himself at the police station on the strength of an affidavit/arrest warrant charging him with (1) **Obstructing an Officer in Execution of Duty**, and (2) **Resisting Arrest**. The charges stem from August 16th, 2017, at the Washington County Fairgrounds, and a subsequent investigation by Patrolman Dan Kelley and Adam Andrukiewicz, who found a group of people consuming alcoholic beverages in the parking lot. Mr. Pfanstiehl allegedly offered a false name to the officers, and then fled from police on foot into the woods. The officers were able to positively identify him later after viewing a mugshot on a previous arrest by another department. He was processed, and was transported to 4th District Court for arraignment on the above charges.
3. **Misdemeanor - Domestic Violence Charges:** On Saturday, September 2nd, 2017 at 2:00 AM, Sergeant William Litterio and Patrolman Brock Taylor arrested **Seth P. Ballou**, age 57, of 465 Gardner Road, Lot #43, Richmond on charges of (1) **Domestic Simple Assault**, and (2) **Domestic Disorderly Conduct**, after officers were dispatched to that address for a 9-1-1 call reporting a domestic disturbance in progress. Investigation revealed that Mr. Ballou had allegedly assaulted an adult female living at that address resulting in visible minor injuries to her head and wrist. Mr. Ballou was processed at the station and was arraigned before Justice of the Peace James Callaghan. He was released on \$2,000 personal recognizance along with being served a no-contact order barring him from any contact with the alleged victim.

4. **Misdemeanor - Domestic Violence Charges:** On Monday, September 4th, 2017 at 9:45 PM, Patrolmen Ryan Donohue and Anthony Zoglio arrested **Michael Ryan**, age 48, of 22 Old Mountain Trail, Richmond on charges of (1) **Domestic Simple Assault**, and (2) **Domestic Disorderly Conduct**, after officers were dispatched to that address for two (2) 9-1-1 calls reporting a domestic disturbance in progress. Officers observed a physical altercation through the window as they approached the front door. As they walked through the house towards the back door, officers observed Mr. Ryan run from the backyard into the wooded area behind the house. They located him about 300 feet into the woods where he had tripped and fallen, and arrested him without incident. Mr. Ryan was processed at the station and was held overnight pending arraignment. On Tuesday morning, he was arraigned in 4th District Court and entered a plea of *Nolo Contendere* to the above charges and was sentenced to one (1) year suspended/probation, with mandatory domestic violence classes, and a no-contact order barring him from any contact with the alleged victim.
5. **WAYWARD Juvenile - Simple Assault & Disorderly Conduct:** On Thursday, September 7th, 2017, at 8:00 AM, School Resource Officer (SRO) Adam Andrukiewicz arrested a **14-year-old juvenile male student** at Chariho High School's RYSE building on charges of (1) **Simple Assault**, and (2) **Disorderly Conduct** after the youth became verbally abusive and disruptive while serving an in-school suspension. When a teacher approached the youth, he reportedly threw a loaded book bag at the male teacher and then pushed the teacher. There were no injuries. The youth was returned to the station where he was subsequently released to his father. The youth shall be petitioned into Family Court on the above charges.
6. **Misdemeanor - Eluding a Police Officer in a High Speed Pursuit & Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage by an Underage Person:** On Thursday, September 8th, 2017, at 1:43 AM, Sergeant Michael Lawing and Patrolman Adam Andrukiewicz arrested **Michael A. Annunziato**, age 18, of 200 Clark Falls Road, North Stonington, CT on charges of (1) **Eluding a Police Officer in a High Speed Pursuit**, and (2) **Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage by an Underage Person**, after he sped towards Sergeant Litterio's cruiser at a radar speed of **59-MPH in a posted 35-MPH-zone** on Kingstown Road near Clearview Drive, and then **accelerated westbound on Kingstown Road to a peak speed of 102-MPH** in a posted **40-MPH-zone** in an attempt to elude police in his 2010 Nissan Sentra. Sergeant Litterio slowed his cruiser and radioed the above information to a second officer, Patrolman Brock Taylor, who took a post on Route 138 at Meadowbrook Road. The suspect saw the second cruiser and stopped abruptly near 99 Kingstown Road, where officers took him into custody without incident. Subsequent to arrest, they located a small "nip" bottle of rum in the vehicle. Mr. Annunziato was processed at the station, and was released with a summons to appear in 4th District Court on September 28th, 2017 for arraignment on the above charges.
7. **Misdemeanor - Reckless Driving:** On Friday, September 8th, 2017, at 8:05 PM, Patrolman Ryan Donohue and Sergeant Michael Lawing arrested **Marie T. Pierce**, age 20, of 28 Sentinal Drive, South Kingstown on a charge of **Reckless Driving**, after a 9-1-1 caller reported that his "ex-girlfriend" had been waiting for him at the end of his driveway, and was "tailgating" him closely with her vehicle. In the area of Beaver River Road at Beaver River Schoolhouse Road, she allegedly accelerated past the caller sideswiping his vehicle and causing damage to both,

and tried to block his lane of travel. When he turned onto another road, she reportedly executed a hasty U-turn, and resumed driving close to his rear bumper. Patrolman Donohue had been monitoring the radio broadcasts regarding the 9-1-1 caller, and intercepted them near Richmond Townhouse Road where he observed Ms. Pierce following the caller's vehicle with less than a car length between. He conducted a motor vehicle stop near the Carolina Fire Department, and observed vehicular damage that was consistent with the collision that the 9-1-1 caller had described. Ms. Pierce was arrested without incident, and returned to the station where she was processed on the above charge. She was released with a summons to appear in 4th District Court on the above charge, and also received civil citations for the following motor vehicle violations: *Duty to Report an Accident to Police & Render Aid*; *Intervals between Vehicles - Following too Close*; and *Places where Overtaking Prohibited*.

8. **Town Ordinance Violation - Noise Pollution (Nuisance from Excessive Noise):**

On Saturday, September 9th, 2017 at 7:20 PM, Patrolman Ryan Donohue and Sergeant Litterio arrested (summons) **Jennifer L. McIntyre**, age 45, of 49 New London Turnpike, Richmond on a Town Ordinance violation of **Noise Pollution (Nuisance from Excessive Noise)**, after responding to the home of her neighbor who complained about the loud music she was playing next door at 7:00 PM. Officer Donohue took a sound meter reading which registered 79-decibels which exceeded the Town's permitted limit of 65-decibels between 7AM and 10PM. When officers responded to Mrs. McIntyre's home, she had allegedly shut the music off and reportedly told officers that it was never on that day, despite their firsthand observations. Officers had been dispatched to this same address for the same issue after neighbors called to complain about "blaring music," on September 4th, 2017 at 2:35 AM, 4:44 AM, and 11:21 PM, and on September 9th, 2017 at 2:25 PM and 2:49 PM. On several of those instances, the homeowner shut the music off as police arrived, apologized, and promised to keep it off. Mrs. McIntyre was repeatedly warned that she would be charged with an ordinance violation if she continued to disturb the peace in that manner. She is scheduled to appear in 4th District Court for arraignment on October 12, 2017, at 9:00 AM.

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