

114th Precinct Cops Get Warrants, Close 2 Locations

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On Wednesday, June 21 at approximately 7:30 p.m., under the supervision of 114th Police Precinct Commanding Officer Deputy Inspector Brian McCarthy, the 114th Precinct and the Legal Bureau closed two quality of life locations, at 34-20 30th Ave. and 33-10 31st Ave. The 30th Avenue location had been the subject of a search warrant due to illegally reproduced goods; the other location had been the subject of a search warrant resulting in the seizure of untaxed cigarettes.

Investigations were conducted and presented to the Legal Bureau, which issued a court order to close both locations. The officers of the 114th Precinct continue to take proactive measures to rid Astoria of quality of life issues.

114th Police Precinct Blotter

Tuesday, June 20:

- A 26-year-old Hispanic man was observed driving erratically without headlights on and drifting over the double yellow line into oncoming traffic. When he was stopped at 51st Street and Northern Boulevard, he exhibited signs of intoxication. He was charged with DWI.

- A 42-year-old Hispanic man was observed using a cell phone while driving. When he was pulled over at 40th Avenue and 29th Street, he produced a suspended license. He was charged with aggravated unlicensed operator and driving while using a cell phone.

- A 16-year-old black male was charged with two counts of criminal possession of a weapon when he was found in possession of a defaced and

loaded firearm at I.S. 204, 36-41 28th St.

- A woman complained that another woman, a 55-year-old Hispanic, had hit her in the chest and threatened her with a knife at 20-75 Crescent St. The perpetrator was charged with menacing, assault with intent to cause physical injury and criminal possession of a weapon.

Thursday, June 22:

- Two white women 50 and 57 years old and a 44-year-old black man were observed inside a building at 40-20 22nd St. without permission. On further investigation, the two female suspects were found with stolen property. All three were charged with criminal possession of stolen property and criminal trespass.

- An 18-year-old white male yelled in a victim's face at 35-37 33rd St. and was found in violation of an order of protection. He was charged with criminal contempt.

- A 21-year-old Hispanic woman was observed operating a vehicle without wearing a seatbelt. When she was stopped at 43rd Street and Astoria Boulevard, she produced a fake license and a fake Social Security card. She was charged with possession of forged instruments, criminal possession of stolen property and seat belt violation.

- An 18-year-old Hispanic male was observed in a store at 28-56 Steinway St. removing merchandise from shelves and walking past all points of sale without paying. He was charged with criminal possession of stolen property and petit larceny.

Scoutmaster's Sexual Abuse Earns Him 20-Year Term

A Bayside resident who served as the scoutmaster of a Great Neck Boy Scout troop has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for sexually abusing and taking sexually explicit photographs of two 13-year-old members of his troop on numerous occasions over the past several years. The incidents took place in the Little Neck church where the troop held its weekly meetings and at the scoutmaster's residence.

Ronald E. Occhipinti, 46, of 58-14 East Hampton Blvd., Bayside, who was employed by a Long Island burglar alarm system company while serving as the scoutmaster of Troop 183 in Great Neck, pleaded guilty on May 8 to course of sexual conduct against a child in the first and second degrees before Acting Queens Supreme Court Justice Pauline A. Mullings, who imposed a determinate sentence of 20 years in prison on June 12.

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said that Occhipinti admitted in court that on various occasions between Sept. 1, 2003, and Aug. 6, 2005, he brought one victim to his residence and the other victim to a church before Boy Scout or leadership meetings—almost every week over an 11-month period—and performed sexual acts on both victims. He also admitted that he had the children remove their clothes and pose in lewd and obscene positions, which he then



Ronald E. Occhipinti was sentenced to 20 years in prison for sexually abusing two Boy Scouts in Troop 183 of which he was scoutmaster.

photographed.

"The defendant abused not only his two young victims who looked up to him as a leader, a responsible adult, but exploited the trust of their parents who unknowingly placed their children in harm's way by committing their care to him," Brown said. "In the process, he destroyed his victims' innocence and scarred them emotionally and psychologically for life. The lengthy sentence imposed by the court is more than warranted."

Brown expressed his appreciation to Detective James A. Held and the New York City Police Department Child Sexual Exploitation Unit for Held's and the unit's assistance in the investigation.



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