

114th Police Precinct Blotter Highlights

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Tuesday, March 27:

- A 54-year-old Hispanic male was charged with having an open container of an alcoholic beverage in public after he was observed drinking beer in public at Broadway and 42nd Street and found to be wanted on a warrant.

- An 18-year-old Hispanic male was charged with criminal possession of marijuana after he was observed smoking marijuana in public at 45th Street and 31st Avenue.

- A 19-year-old Hispanic male was observed smoking marijuana in public at 45th Street and 31st Avenue and swallowed it to avoid its being collected as evidence. He was charged with tampering with physical evidence and criminal possession of marijuana.

- A 31-year-old Hispanic male was charged with forgery after he was found at 38th Street and 34th Avenue in possession of a forged Social Security card and government alien card.

Wednesday, March 28:

- A 39-year-old male was charged with possession of a forged instrument, public lewdness, urinating in public, disorderly conduct and exposure of a person after he was observed urinating in public at 38-02 29th St. and presented forged identification/documentation.

- A 28-year-old white male exhibited signs of intoxication at Broadway and 31st Street while he was responsible for the care of another person. He was charged with failing to exercise control of a minor.

- Three black females, one 13 years old and two 14 years old, forcibly removed a victim's cellphone at I.S. 126, 31-51 21st St. They were charged with robbery and criminal possession of stolen property.

- A 22-year-old black female was charged with petit larceny after she stole money at 31-11 Steinway St. by producing fictitious return receipts.

- At William Bryant H.S., 48-10 31st Ave., an 18-year-old Asian male who was involved in a prior robbery of a victim was charged with robbery and criminal possession of stolen property.

- A 23-year-old Hispanic male observed inside a closed park at 22nd Drive and 19th Street was charged with possession of a forged instrument and criminal trespass after he produced forged identification.

Thursday, March 29:

- Two white males 28 and 29 years old were charged with criminal possession of marijuana after they were observed with marijuana in public at Broadway and 42nd Street.

- A 24-year-old Hispanic male was charged with criminal possession of marijuana after he was found in possession of marijuana in public at 32nd Avenue and 51st Street.

- A 28-year-old Hispanic male was charged with criminal possession of marijuana after he was observed in possession of marijuana in public at 37th Avenue and 23rd Street.

- A 37-year-old black female was observed at 38th Avenue and 31st Street impeding traffic by offering herself to the drivers of several cars passing by. She was charged with loitering and disorderly conduct.

- A 21-year-old Hispanic male was observed at Northern Boulevard and 48th Street operating a vehicle without headlights on, speeding and refusing to pull over. When he was stopped, he was found in possession of a stolen cellphone and pocket personal computer. He was charged with grand larceny auto, criminal possession of stolen property, reckless endangerment, unauthorized use of a vehicle and an equipment violation.

- A 42-year-old black male was arrested at 28-15 42nd St. and charged with assault and harassment after he punched a victim several times about the upper body and head.

- A 39-year-old male was charged with assault and harassment after he struck a victim with a metal rod several times. The incident occurred at 27-19 24th Ave.

Neighborhood briefs...

MTA Builds New Headquarters

Crews installing steel at a construction site on Northern Boulevard and 33rd Street in Long Island City are working on the future home for staffers at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, an MTA spokesperson said.

The three-story, \$7 million project is slated for completion in 2008, said MTA spokesperson Mercedes Padilla. The building, when completed, will house MTA administrative, support and office staff.

The agency acquired the site through "friendly condemnation" in 1989. A total of 19 businesses located between 34th Street and 41st Avenue along Northern Boulevard received a set price to vacate their properties to accommodate the MTA's extension of a subway line.

The new building will be the second MTA facility constructed on those properties.

112th Pct. CC Sponsors Graffiti Cleanup

Officials of the 112th Precinct Community Council joined forces with local residents at a recent "Graffiti Paint-Over" event. More than 50 volunteers worked to erase eyesore scrawls from storefronts and other surfaces throughout the Forest Hills community.

Community Council President Heidi Harrison Chain called the event a great success, thanking students from Forest Hills H.S. for volunteering their time on March 23 to paint surfaces "contaminated by graffiti vandals".

Chain said the Community Council is working to educate the public about the dangers associated with graffiti vandalism. "It's against the law," Chain said. "And youngsters who are drawn to the illegal activity should know they will be arrested and have a criminal record when they are caught."

The Community Council has also developed a presentation showcasing the dangers associated with graffiti vandalism. It is available to groups and organizations at council112@yahoo.com.—Liz Goff

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110th Precinct Student Charged In Book-Bag Swipe

A student at the High School of Arts & Business in Corona was charged last week with stealing his teacher's book bag, which contained cash, debit cards and clothing, authorities said.

Milhir Nazir, 18, was arrested at about 7 p.m. on March 21, after the victim spotted him snatching the bag from beneath a chair in a classroom at the school, police said.

Police said the teacher saw Nazir leave the classroom with the bag and reported the incident to the school assistant principal, who called 911.

Nazir was charged with grand larceny and petit larceny.

111th Precinct Charged In Robbery Of Union Head's Home

A Whitestone man accused of trying to burglarize the home of Patrolmen's Benevolent Association President Patrick Lynch was indicted last week.

Court records state Anthony Joseph Genovese, 40, was indicted on five charges, including attempted burglary and possession of burglar tools.

Genovese allegedly tried to gain entrance to Lynch's home in January by telling Lynch's wife he needed to use a phone. Genovese then asked the woman for cash, stating his wife was in labor in

their car. When he was denied entrance to the home, Genovese allegedly gave Lynch's wife several other reasons why he needed the cash.

Genovese fled the scene when Lynch's dog ran to the door. He was caught moments later by Lynch, who raced home when he received a call from his wife about a strange man at their door.

Cops who arrested Genovese discovered he was driving a stolen car in which he had stashed pliers, a hammer and screwdrivers.

112th Precinct Co-Op Manager Embezzles \$163K

The former property manager at a Corona co-op was charged last week with swiping \$163,000 in funds between March 2004 and March 2006, authorities said.

Queens prosecutors charged Michael Burak, 63, with second-degree grand larceny, criminal possession of a forged instrument and falsifying business records.

Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said in a prepared statement that Burak, while managing property at the Forest Hills Chateau Co-Op, allegedly filed a phony bank resolution naming him co-op president, giving him control of co-op funds.

Burak used his new title to establish a fake corporation, "The Burak Organization", where he deposited funds he stole from the co-op from March 25,

2004 through March 2006, Brown said.

In his position as building manager at the co-op, at 58-03 Calloway St., Burak was responsible for all repairs and general maintenance, and for collecting shareholder maintenance and rent fees, Brown said.

The embezzlement was uncovered during an annual internal audit of finances conducted by an attorney representing the co-op board. The yearly tax audit showed irregularities in co-op books that led investigators to Burak, Brown said.

Burak, who left the co-op to start his own real estate business, surrendered to detectives of the District Attorney's Squad on March 22.

Burak, who was released without bail at his arraignment at Kew Gardens Criminal Court, could face up to 15 years in prison, if convicted.

115th Precinct Hunt Gunman

Queens detectives are seeking help from the public to identify and locate a gunman who shot and killed a Corona man outside a local barbershop on March 28.

Police said William Lewis was standing in the doorway of Millennium Cuts, at 103-18 Northern Blvd. at about 4 p.m. when the gunman approached, fired several rounds and fled the scene.

Anyone with information on the gunman is urged to call the Crimestoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS. The hotline is offering a \$2,000 reward to anyone with information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect.