

114th Precinct Blotter Highlights: 9 Arrested In 114th Precinct Assault On April 9

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April 9, Easter Monday and the second to last day of Passover, was marked in the 114th Police Precinct by an assault on a victim that extended between 29th Street and Hoyt Avenue North to 23rd Avenue and 27th Street and saw eight males and one female arrested. The males, a 12-year-old Hispanic, two 13-year-old Hispanics, a 14-year-old black, a 15-year-old Hispanic, two 15-year-old blacks and a 16-year-old Hispanic, and the female, a 15-year-old black, were all charged with assault, menacing and harassment after they punched a victim and pushed the victim to the ground.

• Another assault took place on April 9: two male Hispanics 22 and 24 years old were charged with assault after they punched a victim in the face at 12-18 Astoria Blvd. At the same location, a 28-year-old Hispanic female was charged with obstructing governmental administration when she acted disorderly and refused to leave after an officer requested that she do so.

• Two Hispanic males 24 and 27 years old were charged with criminal mischief, burglary, criminal trespass and possession of burglars' tools after they were observed trying to break into a safe inside 69-35 Astoria Blvd.

• A 24-year-old Hispanic male was charged with criminal possession of a weapon, criminal possession of stolen property and petit larceny after he was observed using a box cutter to steal merchandise from 50-01 Northern Blvd.

• A 40-year-old black male was charged with criminal mischief and petit larceny after he was observed causing damage to display and stealing merchandise from 51-10 Broadway.

Easter Sunday, April 8:

• A 72-year-old white male pulled a scooter up to the front doors of the 114th Precinct station house at 34-16 Astoria Blvd. and parked on the sidewalk. He was charged with reckless endangerment, obstructing governmental administration, disorderly conduct, driving an uninsured vehicle and driving on/across sidewalk after he began acting irate and was unable to produce insurance for the said vehicle.

• A 26-year-old white male was charged with assault and harassment after he grabbed a female victim by the hair and throat, punched and kicked her and pushed her to the ground. The incident occurred at 19-32 77th St.

• At 33-10 Crescent St., a 27-year-old swung a chain at a victim, causing a scratch. He was charged with assault.

• A 48-year-old Hispanic male was observed at 32-12 Steinway St. passed out over the steering wheel while his vehicle was running. He exhibited signs of intoxication upon arousal and was charged with DWI.

• A 48-year-old white male was charged with running an unlicensed bottle club, engaging in prohibited sale of alco-

holic beverages, unlicensed warehouse liquor storage, after hours sale of alcoholic beverages and criminal nuisance when he was found in control of an establishment at 29-08 Hoyt Avenue South, where alcohol was being served after hours.

• A 34-year-old Hispanic male was observed urinating in public at 36th Avenue and 35th Street and produced a forged Resident Alien card. He was charged with forgery and violation of a local law.

Saturday, April 7:

• A 17-year-old white male was observed changing lanes without signaling with music playing at an unreasonable volume. When he was stopped at Crescent Street and 31st Avenue, he was found to be in possession of a gravity knife. He was charged with criminal possession of a weapon and illegally signaling.

• A 33-year-old black male committed

a burglary and was observed operating a stolen vehicle in an attempt to flee. He struck two parked vehicles and fled on foot. He was apprehended at Crescent Street and 31st Avenue and found to have a suspended license. He was charged with burglary, reckless endangerment, criminal mischief, criminal possession of stolen property, grand larceny, unauthorized use of a vehicle, aggravated unlicensed operator and leaving the scene of an accident.

• A 25-year-old black male violated a valid order of protection by going to a victim's residence. He was arrested at 20-32 19th St. and charged with criminal contempt and harassment.

• Two males 24 and 27 years old were observed drinking brandy in public inside a closed park at Hoyt Avenue North and 19th Street and were also found in possession of a gravity knife. They were charged with criminal possession of a weapon, criminal trespass and violation of a local law.

Good Friday, April 6:

• A 39-year-old Hispanic male was charged with criminal mischief after he

punched and broke a window at 31-02 44th St. without permission.

• A 53-year-old Asian male was charged with possession of a forged instrument, criminal trespass, trademark counterfeiting and violation of a local law after he was observed selling counterfeit DVDs at 50-10 Northern Blvd. without permission and without a vending license.

• A 15-year-old white female and three Hispanic males, one 16 and two 17 years old, were charged with robbery and misapplication of property after they forcibly removed a victim's cellphone at 37-11 30 Ave.

• A 48-year-old white male was charged with criminal possession of marijuana after he was observed with marijuana in public at Astoria Boulevard and 33rd Street.

• A 54-year-old Hispanic male was charged with assault and criminal possession of a controlled substance after he was observed hitting a victim in the head with a metal chair at 23rd Avenue and 31st Street.

Borough-Wide Blotter

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104th Precinct

Hunt Bank Bandit

Queens detectives last week released a photo of a man being sought in connection with the robbery of a Ridgewood bank.

Detectives are seeking help from the public to identify and locate the suspect who, they say, walked into a Commerce Bank branch at 66-62 Fresh Pond Road on April 2, where he handed a note to a teller claiming he had an explosive device and demanded money.

The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cash, police said.

The man is described as white or Hispanic, 5 feet 10 to 6 feet tall, 170 to 185 pounds, with light blonde or gray hair.

Anyone with information on the suspect 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.

108th Precinct

Worker Killed By Marble Slabs

A 19-year-old worker died on March 31 from injuries he suffered when he was buried beneath several 700-pound slabs of marble at his job in a Long Island City warehouse.

Police said Xavier Minchala was stacking 6-by 12-foot marble slabs at New Lime Stone on Vernon Boulevard on March 26 when several pieces crashed down on him.

Sources said when firefighters arrived at the scene Minchala's head was visible beneath the pile of marble. The firefighters had to manually lift the slabs off the Ecuadorian-born worker, the sources said.

Minchala was taken to Elmhurst Hospital Center and died on March 31 of multiple internal injuries.

109th Precinct

Flushing Y Worker Charged In Rape

Cops arrested a 37-year-old Flushing YMCA maintenance worker on April 5 after

he admitted to charges of raping an acquaintance at the facility.

Police said Fernando Weir dragged his 19-year-old victim up a staircase and raped her at the Northern Boulevard facility at about 7:30 p.m. on March 26.

The victim called 911 and sought medical attention following the attack, police said.

Weir surrendered to police on April 5 when he admitted the woman said, "No!" three times before, and during the attack, police sources said.

Weir could face up to four years in prison if convicted.

111th Precinct

Bayside H.S. Students Charged In Robberies

Two Bayside H.S. students were arrested last week after they robbed three schoolmates at knifepoint outside the school on Corporal Kennedy Street.

Police said one of the students, 17, was arrested for allegedly pulling a knife on three female schoolmates in front of the school at 2:30 p.m. on March 29.

Cops said the student and an accomplice, 16, allegedly stole the victims' pocketbooks, two MP3 players, two cellphones and an undisclosed amount of cash.

The 17-year-old was charged with eight counts of robbery, attempted assault and criminal possession of a weapon. The 16-year-old was charged with eight counts of robbery, authorities said.

School and NYPD School Safety officials refused comment.

Fort Totten Janitor Busted—Again

Prison officials last week arrested a former Fort Totten janitor currently doing time for stealing the identities of Army reservists when his DNA came back as a match in the 2000 rape of a 13-year-old girl, authorities said.

Edwin Gomez, 35, allegedly had sex with the girl in his home on November 7, 2000, law enforcement sources said.

A day later, the victim reported the rape and was examined by doctors at Jamaica Hospital Center. DNA collected during the examination matched a sample Gomez was required to give in February 2006, after he pleaded guilty to stealing the identities and using them to purchase items with the reservists' charge cards, the sources said.

Gomez, who is currently serving one to three years in that case, was charged with rape and endangering the welfare of a child.

He could face up to an additional seven years in prison, if convicted of the rape.

112th Precinct

Gym Robber Sought

Police in Forest Hills are seeking help from the public to identify and locate a woman who broke into a patron's locker at a Lucille Roberts Health Club on Austin Street on January 5, where she stole the victim's pocketbook.

Cops said the suspect walked into the women's dressing room at the health club, broke open a locker and then swiped a purse containing a large number of credit and debit cards.

The woman was caught on a surveillance camera at a nearby CVS Pharmacy trying to use the cards a short while later, police said.

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

Bust Phony Hack Driver

Police on routine patrol out of the 112th Precinct arrested a 54-year-old Rego Park man last week for posing as a licensed livery driver. Police said the cops stopped Yousoof Makassa after he picked up a passenger at a bus stop on 97th Street and 63rd Drive.

When the cops checked Makassa's documents, they discovered he had six suspensions on his driver's license and he was driving with a fake taxi license.

Makassa was charged with possession of a forged instrument and driving with a suspended license.