



READINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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WEEKLY POLICE BLOTTER

Reporting Period: **March 2026**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This police blotter is a summary of selected police activity and does not reflect all calls for service received by the Readington Township Police Department.

All charges are merely accusations. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Certain incidents may be omitted due to juvenile involvement, ongoing investigations, victim privacy concerns, or statutory confidentiality requirements under New Jersey law.

INCIDENT SUMMARY

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>General Location</i> | <i>Incident Type</i> | <i>Summary</i> |
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| 03/01/2026 | 4:05 PM | US Hwy 22 | Theft Arrest | Damian Little and Aileen Vazquez, both of Lebanon, NJ, were arrested and charged with Theft of Moveable Property after they were observed removing property from a clothing donation bin. The arrests were made by. Cpl. David Bodine. |
| 03/03/2026 | 4:20 PM | Police Headquarters | Fraud | Marcus Baker, of Decatur, GA, was charged with Receiving Stolen Property and Money Laundering after a report of an online fraud scheme. The |



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| | | | | charges were filed by Detective Miles Smith. |
| 03/04/2026 | 10:09 PM | Old York Road | Warrant Arrest | Ptl. Dylan Hourihan met with the Branchburg Police Department to take custody of John Harris, of Branchburg Township, NJ, on a warrant issued in the Readington Township Municipal Court. Harris was lodged in the Warren County Jail. |
| 03/06/2026 | 10:49 PM | US Hwy 22 | Warrant Arrest | Samuel Pennella, of Lebanon, NJ, was arrested on warrants originating from Somerset County. Pennella was lodged in the Somerset County Jail. The arrest was made by Ptl. Dylan Hourihan. |
| 03/07/2026 | 7:31 PM | RT. 78 | DWI Arrest | Michael Pennella, of Rindge, NH, was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated after a motor vehicle stop. The arrest was made by Cpl. Joseph Darocha. |
| 03/09/2026 | 12:03 PM | Police Headquarters | Theft Arrest | Heather Johnston, of Whitehouse Station, NJ, was arrested and charged with Theft of Moveable Property. The arrest was made by Ofc. Yessenia Caswell. |
| 03/09/2026 | 2:37 PM | US Hwy 22 | Warrant Arrest | Kamia Gonzalez-Rouse, of Piscataway, NJ, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Rahway. She was released on |



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| | | | | her own recognizance. The arrest was made by Cpl. Trevor Anderson. |
| 03/12/2026 | 11:03 PM | US Hwy 202 | Warrant Arrest | Nazareth Hawthorne, of Ewing, NJ, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Plainsboro Township. The arrest was made by Ptl. Michael Columbo. |
| 03/12/2026 | 11:26 PM | US Hwy 202 | False Government Documents | Trent Morgante, of Flemington, NJ, was arrested and charged with Possession of False Government Documents after a motor vehicle stop. The arrest was made by Ptl. Kevin Brown. |
| 03/12/2026 | 10:26 PM | US Hwy 202 | Warrant Arrest | Jorge Forton-Juarez was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Branchburg Township after a motor vehicle stop. Forton-Juarez was released on his own recognizance. |
| 03/13/2026 | 12:20 PM | Police Headquarters | Trespassing Arrest | Muhammad Nawaz Bhatti, of Lindenhurst, NY, was charged with Theft by Unlawful Taking of Immovable Property and Money Laundering, after an investigation into thefts occurring at his place of employment. The charges |



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| | | | | were filed by Detective Miles Smith. |
| 03/13/2026 | 2:37 PM | US Hwy 22 | DWI Arrest | Lisa Okurowski, of Clinton, NJ, was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated after a motor vehicle stop. The arrest was made by Ptl. Kevin Berekeiko. |
| 03/14/2026 | 1:39 AM | US Hwy 22 | CDS Arrest | Corrine Osmun-Frost, of Whitehouse Station, NJ, was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance after a motor vehicle stop. The arrest was made by Ptl. Kevin Brown. |
| 03/15/2026 | 10:29 PM | US Hwy 202 | CDS Arrest | Jason W. Hellems, of Pennsauken, NJ, was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after a motor vehicle stop. The arrest was made by Ptl. Kevin Brown. |
| 03/14/2026 | 7:15 PM | Oldwick Road | CDS Arrest | Shawn Grieves, of Elyria, OH, was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance after a motor vehicle stop. The arrest was made by Ptl. Ryan Donovan. |



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| 03/16/2026 | 10:38 AM | County Route 523 | Warrant Arrest | Thomas Kennedy, of Trenton, NJ, was arrested on a warrant out of Flemington Borough. Kennedy was released on his own recognizance. The arrest was made by Ptl. Ryan Donovan. |
| 03/17/2026 | 12:25 AM | US Hwy 22 | Defiant Trespass | Christopher Browne, of Somerville, NJ, was arrested and charged with Defiant Trespass at a business on US Hwy 22. The arrest was made by Cpl. David Bodine. |
| 03/16/2026 | 5:48 PM | US Hwy 22 | DWI Arrest | Anne C. Tummey, of Whitehouse Station, NJ, was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated after a crash on US Hwy 22. The arrest was made by Ptl. Connor Strohm. |
| 03/20/2026 | 3:44 PM | Police Headquarters | Warrant Arrest | Ptl. Patryk Czyz met with the Bridgewater Township Police Department to take custody of Paul Munson, of High Bridge, NJ, on a warrant issued in the Readington Township Municipal Court. Munson was lodged in the Warren County Jail. |
| 03/22/2026 | 1:42 AM | US Hwy 202 | DWI Arrest | Braun Kiess, of Far Hills, NJ, was arrested and charged with |



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| | | | | DWI after a motor vehicle stop. The arrest was made by Ptl. Kevin Brown. |
| 03/20/2026 | 8:43 AM | US Hwy 202 | Warrant Arrest | Selena Jones, of Glen Gardner, NJ, was arrested on a warrant out of Paterson Municipal Court. Jones was released on her own recognizance. The arrest was made by Ptl. Anthony Albanese. |
| 03/22/2026 | 4:54 PM | US Hwy 22 | Defiant Trespass | Christopher Browne, of Somerville, NJ, was arrested and charged with defiant trespass at a business on US Hwy 22. The arrest was made by Ptl. Anthony Albanese. |
| 03/24/2026 | 1:12 PM | US Hwy 202 | Warrant Arrest | David Kopf, of Branchburg, NJ, was arrested on warrants out of Branchburg Township. Kopf was released on his own recognizance. The arrest was made by Ptl. Ryan Donovan. |
| 03/25/2026 | 10:16 AM | US Hwy 22 | Theft Arrest | Cherrelle Cooper, of Clinton, NJ, was arrested and charged with Theft of Moveable Property and Obstruction of a Law or Government Function, after a theft investigation at a business on US Hwy 22. The arrest was made by Ptl. Ryan Donovan. |



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| 03/27/2026 | 09:35 AM | Police Headquarters | Forgery/Identity Theft Arrest | Melissa Meyer, of Far Rockaway, NY, was arrested and charged with Forgery and Assuming a False Identity after an investigation involving forged checks. The charges were filed by Detective Robert Medvetz. The initial investigation was conducted by Ptl. Anthony Albanese. |
| 03/27/2026 | 10:27 PM | US Hwy 22 | DWI Arrest | Luis Cascante, of Elizabeth, NJ, was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated after a motor vehicle stop. The arrest was made by Cpl. David Bodine. |
| 03/22/2026 | 2:51 PM | Police Headquarters | Warrant Arrest | Ptl. Patryk Czyz met with the Fanwood Borough Police Department and took custody of Christina Yanchalema, of Plainfield, NJ, on a warrant issued in the Readington Township Municipal Court. Yanchalema was lodged in the Warren County Jail. |
| 03/29/2026 | 8:41 PM | Main Street (Whitehouse) | DWI Arrest | Gary Robinson, of Plainfield, NJ, was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated after a motor vehicle stop. The arrest was made by Ptl. Michael Columbo. |



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| 03/29/2026 | 12:26 AM | US Hwy 22 | DWI Arrest | Katharine Batalha, of Branchburg, NJ, was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated after a motor vehicle stop. The arrest was made by Ptl. Michael Columbo. |
| 03/30/2026 | 1:26 AM | US Hwy 22 | Warrant Arrest | Zaire Mitchell, of Bethlehem, PA, was arrested on a bench warrant from Bethlehem, PA. He was additionally charged with being a fugitive from justice. The arrest was made by Ptl. Dylan Hourihan. |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This blotter is published monthly by the Readington Township Police Department
- For emergencies, dial **911**.
- For non-emergency police assistance, contact (908) 534-4031.