



Wyckoff Police Department PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release:

On Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at approximately 2:00 PM, a juvenile reported that an unknown offender slashed them on their left forearm with a razor blade. The assault was reported to have occurred in the wooded area behind the Cedar Hill Shopping Center. Responding officers immediately set up a perimeter, deployed a drone, and searched the wooded area on foot. Officers did not locate a weapon or any indication of an assault taking place. The juvenile was treated at the scene by the Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corps. and transported to a local hospital by their parents to be treated for a minor injury. While conducting the investigation, the juvenile admitted to fabricating the report and the injury was self-inflicted. The Wyckoff Juvenile Bureau will be investigating further, and no charges have been filed at this time. The Wyckoff Police would like to thank the Midland Park Police, Hawthorne Police, and Franklin Lakes Police for their assistance.

The Wyckoff Police Department would like to point out that the above individuals have been charged with a crime, offense, and or motor vehicle violations. However, they are presumed innocent unless and until they are found guilty in a court of law.

We cannot stress enough the value of our residents remaining alert in their neighborhoods and reporting anything unusual or suspicious to the police, "Hear It! See It!, Report It!"

We encourage all residents to report ANY suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity occurring at any time to the Wyckoff Police – County Communications Center at 201-891-2121 or 911 in the event of an emergency.