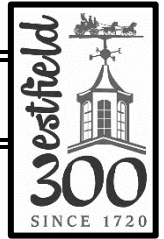




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WESTFIELD POLICE CHIEF ANNOUNCES MORE ARRESTS, RECOVERY OF ANOTHER STOLEN VEHICLE FOLLOWING POLICE PURSUIT AND CRASH

WESTFIELD – AUGUST 14, 2020 – Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro has announced the arrest of four (4) more persons and the recovery of yet another stolen vehicle following a police pursuit and crash, which occurred on Thursday, August 13, 2020, at approximately 8:34 PM.

The Westfield Police Department initially responded to a report of a shoplifting at Walgreens, located at 260 E. North Avenue in Westfield. The suspects were reportedly fleeing the area in a vehicle traveling east on E. North Avenue.

Officer Eric Carrero observed the suspect vehicle, confirmed its license plate was reported stolen, and pursued the vehicle into Garwood, through Cranford, and eventually into Kenilworth, where it subsequently stopped on Market Street after striking Officer Carrero's patrol vehicle.

It was determined that not only was the suspect vehicle's license plate stolen, but so, too, was the vehicle.

Anthony Frazier, age 50, Altriq Lampley, age 47, Stuart Sanders, age 50, and Sumac Shabazz, age 46, all of Newark, were arrested and charged with Shoplifting (a disorderly persons offense) and two (2) counts of Receiving Stolen Property (one count a 3rd degree crime, the other count a disorderly persons offense).

Additionally, Lampley, the driver of the suspect vehicle, was charged with Eluding (a 2nd degree crime), Aggravated Assault (a 2nd degree crime), Assault by Auto (a 4th degree crime), Criminal Mischief (a disorderly persons offense) and Hindering Apprehension (a disorderly persons offense).

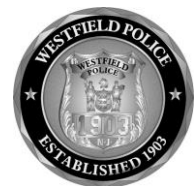
Following treatment at an area hospital, all arrested persons were transported to the Westfield Police Department for processing. Frazier, Sanders and Shabazz were subsequently released on their own recognizance (R-O-R) after being served with complaint summonses. Lampley was served with a complaint warrant and remains in custody. He will be committed to the Union County Detention Center in Elizabeth pending a detention hearing.



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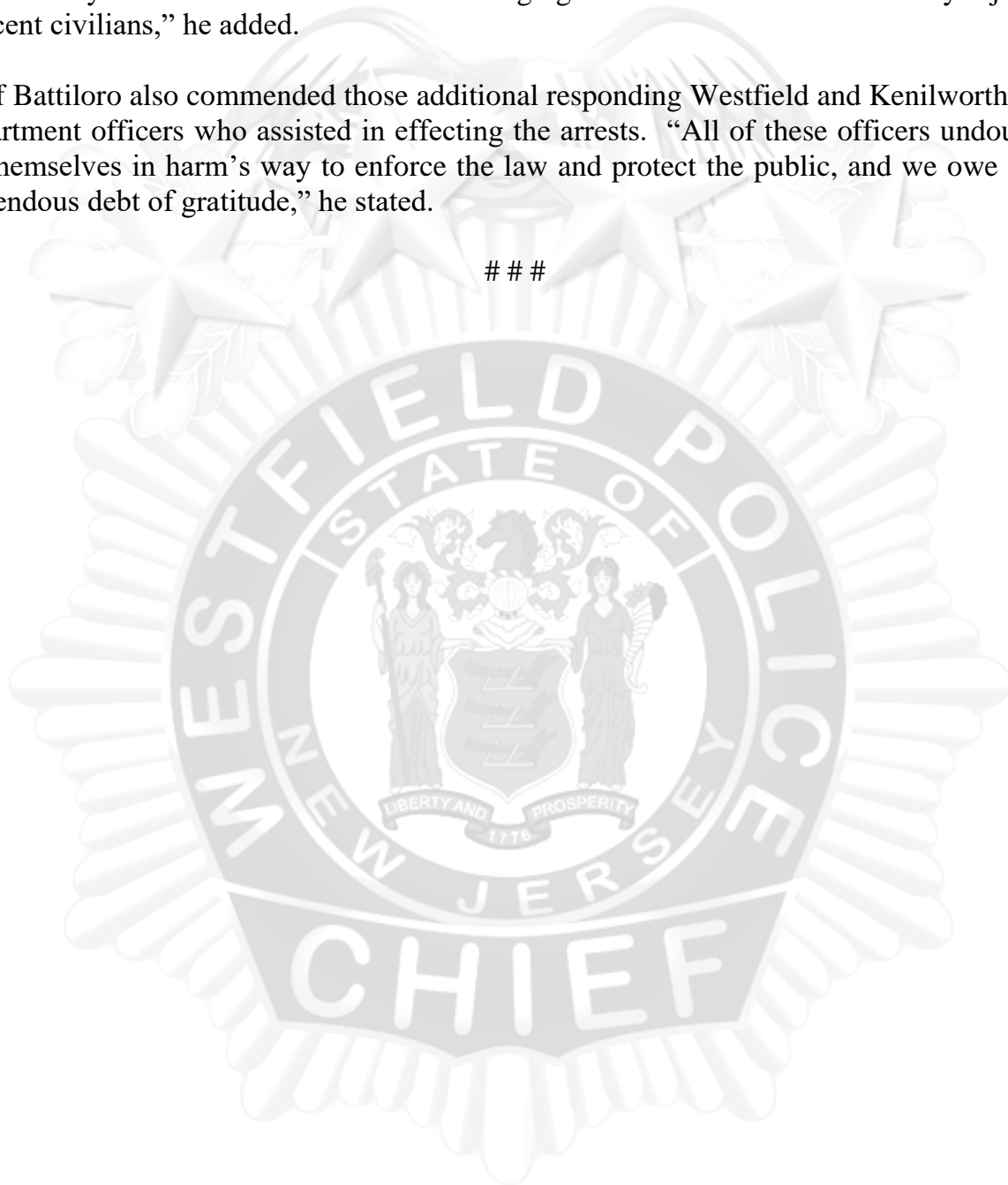
The Westfield Police Department’s Detective Bureau continues to investigate this incident and additional criminal charges against one or more of the arrested persons are likely forthcoming.

Officer Carrero sustained neck and back injuries, as well as multiple contusions and abrasions, as a result of his patrol vehicle being struck by the suspect vehicle. He, too, was treated at an area hospital, but later returned to duty.

“Police pursuits are extremely dangerous,” stated Chief Battiloro, “And I commend the extraordinary efforts of Officer Carrero in bringing this one to an end without any injuries to innocent civilians,” he added.

Chief Battiloro also commended those additional responding Westfield and Kenilworth Police Department officers who assisted in effecting the arrests. “All of these officers undoubtedly put themselves in harm’s way to enforce the law and protect the public, and we owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude,” he stated.

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