



# Allendale Police Department

## News Release

### 12/1/2014

Nov 24 – At about 10:00PM a resident called to report a suspicious vehicle on Green Way. While officers were checking it and the surrounding area, they located two men aged 20 and 21 and two women aged 18 and 20 in the Celery Farm. The 21 year-old had recently purchased a case of beer, which all were drinking. After speaking with them the four were arrested and brought back to police HQ. The 18 and 20 year-olds were charged with Borough Ordinance violations for being in the park after hours and possession of alcohol while under age. The 21 year-old was charged with providing alcohol to underage persons and a Borough Ordinance violation for being in the park after hours.

Nov 26 – Shortly after 9:00 AM a staff member at Northern Highlands received a telephone call from an unknown caller who stated that her brother had been involved in a car crash and was being held hostage. She was directed to send \$900 to ensure his safety. After calling police, she then called her brother, who was at home and stated that he had not been involved in a crash. The Detective Bureau is investigating.

The Allendale Police would like to remind everyone that this is a variant of the “Grandparent Scam”, wherein a scammer will call and state that they are a relative being held in jail or are a hostage and need money to assure their release/safety. If you receive such a call, contact police, who can assist in verifying the safety or whereabouts of that relative. Do not send money to anyone under such circumstances.

Nov 28 – A resident reported a fraud wherein he was solicited to place advertising magnets for an energy drink on his car. After answering an online ad, he was directed to purchase the magnets himself, after which he would be reimbursed by the company. He did not make the purchase, and a few days after answering the ad he received a check in the mail for \$2000. The check was examined and determined to be fraudulent. The Detective Bureau is investigating.

Nov 30 – Police responded to a MV crash involving a possible intoxicated driver. When officers arrived they found a 70 year-old man had attempted to pull into his garage several times, but kept striking the frame around the garage door. The door frame and vehicle sustained heavy damage, as did some contents of the garage. The

man appeared to be heavily intoxicated, and an ambulance was requested to transport him to the hospital. Due to the extent of the damage to the residence the fire department and code official were dispatched to the scene. The driver of the car was charged with DWI.