

Marlene Dougherty

From: Meredith Bendian <mbendian@ramseynj.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 10:03 AM
To: Marlene Dougherty
Subject: FW: OPRA request - Eluding / Pursuits

Meredith Bendian, RMC
Borough Clerk
Borough of Ramsey
201-825-3400 X 225

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Kim <opra+request-89738-236e3bad@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 8:48 PM
To: Meredith Bendian <mbendian@ramseynj.com>
Subject: OPRA request - Eluding / Pursuits

Dear Ramsey Borough,

Please accept this electronic request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form or use a particular software platform to submit my request per NJSA 47:1A-6(f), which states that an email from a requestor including all of the information required on the adopted form shall suffice in place of a completed form as a valid government record request.

I HAVE NOT been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of New Jersey, any other state, or the United States.

I WILL NOT use the requested government records for a commercial purpose.

I AM NOT seeking records in connection with a legal proceeding.

Records requested:

- CAD, Incident Detail, and Investigative reports for all incidents coded: eluding, motor vehicle pursuit, attempt to stop, fail to stop, and resisting by flight from 09/01/2025 to 04/13/2026.

X  4-16-26

Yours faithfully,

Amy Kim

Please deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:

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Ramsey Police Department

25 North Central Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446

Phone: 201-327-2400 Fax: 201-327-6217 Mun. Code: 0248

CAD Report



CAD #	Case #	Date	Time of Call	Dispatched	Arrived	Cleared	911
25-21957	25-21957	09/25/25	11:50	11:52	11:52	14:54	
Reg.	St.	Race Code	Citations	Warning			
T66SSX	NJ						
Incident Type				Business / School / Location Name			
Pursuit – Motor Vehicle							
Location:							
Street #	Street Name	Apt.#	At Intersection of:				
Jurisdiction Outside Ramsey							
Caller (Lastname, Firstname)		Caller Address			Caller Phone		
Mason, Margaret		[REDACTED] Hackensack, NJ					
Notes				Time	Entered By		
164 attempting to stop vehicle excessive speed, failure to stop, possible 450, NJ T66SSX, 11:48 attempting to stop vehicle 17 south, 11:49 1150 approved pursuit. towns 17 south were advised via spen that we were in pursuit. 11:58 party in custody, starting mileage 35424, ending mileage 35435.							
Officer(s)	Car(s)	Dispatched	Arrived	Cleared	Response Time	Time on Scene	
Sgt. Christopher McWilliams	0401	11:52	11:52	14:54	00:00	03:02	
Ptl. Gaetano Belfert 182	0408	11:58	11:58	14:55	00:00	02:56	
Ptl. Brian Stevens 166	0407	12:07	12:07	12:11	00:00	00:03	
Ptl. Austin Berghuys 170	0400	12:07	12:07	12:11	00:00	00:03	
Average Response Time for this Call:			Dispatched By:		Disposition:		
-00:00:09			dispatch9				



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Investigation Report

**Incident Details:**

Case Number	Time Reported	Date Reported	Time Occurred	Date Occurred	Occurrence Between Date / Time of	Time Occurred	Date Occurred	911	Completed
25-21957	11:50	09/25/25	11:50	09/25/25					X

Incident Type:

Arrest
Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50
Pursuit – Motor Vehicle

Incident Location:

Street # Street Name Intersection / Cross Street of:
Jurisdiction Outside
Business / Common Location Name

Contact Information: Victim Suspect Complainant Witness Driver Arrest Passenger Missing Business Other

Code	Contact Name #1	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
A	Mason, Margaret			64	F	1B	██████ 961	
Address						Home Phone		Cell Phone
██████████ Hackensack, NJ 07601-1246								██████████
Code	Contact Name #2	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Address						Home Phone		Cell Phone
Code	Contact Name #3	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Address						Home Phone		Cell Phone
Code	Contact Name #4	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Address						Home Phone		Cell Phone

Property Information:

Value of Stolen Property	Currency	Jewelry	Furs	Clothing	Auto	Misc.	Total
Value of Stolen Property Recovered							

Automobile Information:

1	Vehicle Code	Year	Make	Body Type	Color	Registration	State	VIN
	Arrest	20	NIS	4 DR	BK	T66SSX	NJ	3N1AB8DV4LY296821
2								
3								
4								

Narrative:

On Thursday, September 25, 2025 at approximately 1150 hours, I was traveling south in the left lane of Route 17 South in marked patrol vehicle 403 when my attention was drawn to a black Nissan sedan bearing New Jersey Registration T66SSX traveling south in the middle lane of Route 17 South. The vehicle in question was traveling under the posted speed limit of 55 MPH and swerving into the left and right lane multiple times. I maneuvered my patrol vehicle into the middle lane and closed the distance between myself and the suspect vehicle. When I deemed it safe, I activated my emergency lights and siren and attempted to effect a motor vehicle stop. The suspect vehicle failed to yield and continued southbound at varying rates of speed, slowing to as low as approximately 18 MPH and not exceeding approximately 50 MPH. I contacted Ramsey Police Communications and advised of the

Officer of Record:	Date:	Other Reports Filed:	Reviewed By:
Sgt. Christopher	09/25/25	MVA SHA Arrest X DV Prop. Video UOF DWI X DWI Q X Prst Supp Tow X SD CI TRO Bias Pris	153



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circumstances, including speed, environmental/roadway conditions, and my belief that the vehicle in question was possibly being operated by an impaired driver. Prior to activating my emergency lights and siren, the suspect vehicle was being operated in a manner that presented a clear risk to public safety.

The suspect vehicle continued traveling on Route 17 South, while continually changing lanes abruptly while sporadically increasing/decreasing speed for no apparent reason. Patrolman Belfert responded in marked patrol vehicle 408 and became the secondary unit in the pursuit. The suspect vehicle continued traveling on Route 17 South until ultimately coming to a stop in traffic in the middle lane in the area of 443 Route 17 South in Paramus, NJ. I exited my patrol vehicle and approached the suspect vehicle on the driver's side. I opened the driver side door and made contact with the operator, Margaret Mason, who appeared disheveled and disoriented. Mason's eyes were bloodshot and watery, and her speech was incoherent. Mason exited the vehicle and was placed under arrest. Patrolman Belfert and I handcuffed Mason (double-locked) and placed her in the rear passenger compartment of vehicle 408. While speaking and interacting with Mason, I detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her breath. Patrolman Belfert advised that, prior to the start of his tour, the rear passenger compartment of vehicle 408 was searched with negative results for contraband. Paramus PD was on scene and remained with the suspect vehicle until it was impounded by All Points Towing. Mason was transported to Ramsey Police HQ for processing.

After arriving at RPD, Patrolman Belfert and I secured our duty weapons and escorted Mason to the holding cell in the booking room for processing. After removing Mason from the rear passenger compartment of vehicle 408, Patrolman Belfert detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the passenger compartment. After removing Mason, the rear passenger compartment was searched by Patrolman Belfert with negative results. Matron Dougherty searched Mason's person with negative results for contraband. Mason was read the New Jersey Standard Statement Form, after which she agreed to provide samples of her breath for testing. After directly observing Mason for twenty minutes, Patrolman Berghuys administered the Alcotest. After providing one valid breath sample, as well as several rejected samples, the Alcotest machine detected raw mouth alcohol and the test was terminated. Mason was directly observed for twenty minutes, after which Patrolman Berghuys again administered the Alcotest. Two valid breath samples were received resulting in .23% BAC.

Mason was fingerprinted and photographed and served with complaint summons 0248S2025000188 with one charge of 2C:29-2B (Eluding in the Third Degree) after receiving a PSA score of 1/1. While processing Mason, she made numerous statements regarding self harm and ending her life. During the entirety of processing, Mason was monitored face to face in the booking area. While in custody in the booking area, Mason repeatedly questioned as to when she would be released even after officers explained the process after arrest. It was apparent that Mason had difficulty understanding due to her high level of intoxication. Mason further made statements to the effect of "I could have really hurt someone today," and that "I'm a drunk, not a felon."

Officer of Record:

Date:

Sgt. Christopher McWilliams

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[REDACTED] Patrolman Belfert and I completed the necessary Vehicle Pursuit reports, which were submitted through Benchmark Analytics. No further police action required/provided.

Additional Information:

Mason was issued the following motor vehicle summonses:

- E250003251 for 39:4-50 DWI
- E250003252 for 39:4-96 Reckless Driving
- E250003253 for 39:4-97 Careless Driving
- E250003254 for 39:4-88 Traffic on Marked Lanes
- E250003255 for 39:4-56 Delaying Traffic
- E250003256 for 39:4-88B Failure to Maintain Lane
- E250003257 for 39:4-67 for Obstructing Passage of Other Vehicles
- E250003258 for 39:3-29 Fail to Poss Reg Card
- E250003259 for 39: 3-29C for Fail to Poss Ins Card
- E250003260 for 39:4-91 for Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicles

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CAD Report

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CAD Report



CAD #	Case #	Date	Time of Call	Dispatched	Arrived	Cleared	911
25-24800	25-24800	11/02/25	03:35	03:40	04:00	04:00	
Reg.	St.	Race Code	Citations	Warning			
Incident Type				Business / School / Location Name			
Pursuit – Motor Vehicle							
Location:				Apt.# At Intersection of:			
Street # Street Name							
Route 17 North							
Caller (Lastname, Firstname)		Caller Address			Caller Phone		
Notes				Time		Entered By	
Allendale PD reporting a commercial burglary to Savini restaurant. 3 males with crow bars driving a mini van bearing PA reg LHH1861. L153 located vehicle northbound on NFT. L153 advised vehicle driving erratically likely to endanger public prior to pursuit. L153 advised vehicle getting onto 17 North at Spring, traffic is light, speed approaching 100mph. L153 pursued into Mahwah before terminating near Glassglow road. 146/182 checked businesses in town for suspicious activity with negative results.							
Officer(s)		Car(s)	Dispatched	Arrived	Cleared	Response Time	Time on Scene
Lt. Jeffrey Guilfoyle 153		Admin	03:40	04:00	04:00	00:20	00:00
Average Response Time for this Call:		Dispatched By:		Disposition:			
00:20:29		dispatch8					



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Operations Report

**Incident Details:**

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25-24800	03:35	11/02/25	03:35	11/02/25					X

Incident Type:

Pursuit – Motor Vehicle

Incident Location:

Street # Street Name Intersection / Cross Street of:

Route 17 North

Business / Common Location Name

Contact Information: Victim Suspect Complainant Witness Driver Arrest Passenger Missing Business Other

Code	Contact Name #1	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
S	Unknown							
Address						Home Phone		Cell Phone
Unknown						--		--
Code	Contact Name #2	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Address						Home Phone		Cell Phone
Code	Contact Name #3	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Address						Home Phone		Cell Phone
Code	Contact Name #4	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Address						Home Phone		Cell Phone

Property Information:

Value of Stolen Property	Currency	Jewelry	Furs	Clothing	Auto	Misc.	Total
Value of Stolen Property Recovered							

Automobile Information:

1	Vehicle Code	Year	Make	Body Type	Color	Registration	State	VIN
	Suspect	2013	Dodge	Van	Blk	LHH1861	PA	
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3								
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Narrative:

On Sunday, November 2, 2025 I was patrolling in the area of Lakeside Drive near the Ramsey Golf and Country Club (105 Lakeside Drive). During that time, I was monitoring radio transmissions via scan when Allendale PD reported a BOLO for a dark colored mini van bearing PA registration LHH1861 (see attached) that was involved in a commercial burglary that had just occurred within their jurisdiction at Savini Restaurant (168 West Crescent Avenue). Allendale PD advised that during the burglary, surveillance footage showed that there were two suspects inside the business with one wearing a hooded sweatshirt and was armed with a crowbar tool. Allendale PD later reported that the suspect vehicle was last seen fleeing the area northbound on North Franklin Tpk. heading towards Ramsey's jurisdiction.

Officer of Record:**Date:****Other Reports Filed:****Reviewed By:**

Lt. Jeffrey Guilfoyle 153	11/02/25	MVA SHA	Arrest Prop.	DV Video	DWI UOF	DWIQ Prst	Tow Supp	SD Juv	CI Bias	TRO Pris	146
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I continued on Lakeside Drive and positioned my marked patrol vehicle V401 near the entrance/exit of the Ramsey Golf and Country Club facing westbound which was perpendicular to NFT to monitor traffic for the suspect vehicle. A short time later, I observed the dark colored mini van matching the description pass my location while traveling northbound at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was heavily tinted and I was unable to ascertain how many occupants or obtain a physical description of the suspects. As the suspect vehicle passed my location and prior to any initiation of an attempted motor vehicle stop, the suspect vehicle was operating recklessly and in a manner that posed a clear and imminent threat to the safety of the public. As the vehicle passed my location, I observed the suspect vehicle improperly pass two other motorists that were also traveling northbound on NFT specifically by driving over the double yellow lines into oncoming traffic while traveling at a high rate of speed. The suspect vehicle's driving behavior almost caused serious bodily injury to motorists on the roadway by potentially crashing with the passing motorists to include oncoming motorists traveling southbound on NFT. I proceeded to enter northbound on NFT as an attempt to close the distance to the suspect vehicle. During that time, I observed the suspect vehicle to continue to travel at a high rate of speed (60 mph in 35 mph zone) approaching a red light at the intersection of NFT and Lake St. The suspect vehicle proceeded to drive through the red light continuing to travel at a high rate of speed. At this time, I activated my overhead lights and vehicle siren to initiate a motor vehicle stop. Upon activating my overhead lights and vehicle siren, the suspect vehicle proceeded to accelerate faster while continuing to operate in a reckless manner. I notified Ramsey Communications that I was in pursuit of the suspect vehicle based on the totality of the circumstances. My decision to pursue was based upon the operator's actions and reckless operation prior to the initiation of the attempted motor vehicle stop.

Traffic conditions were light, no pedestrians present, the roadway conditions were dry, and the weather was clear. I continuously notified Ramsey Communications of my speed and location throughout the pursuit. During the pursuit, the suspect vehicle entered Route 17 North from the NFT overpass continuing to travel northbound on Route 17 North towards Mahwah jurisdiction. Ramsey Communications then notified Mahwah PD. The suspect vehicle proceeded to exit Route 17 North onto West Ramapo Ave almost crashing while exiting, then proceed onto Ridge Road, and then back onto West Ramapo Ave. I then notified Ramsey Communications I was terminating the pursuit near North Glasgow Terrace in Mahwah due to radio frequency concerns and I began to lose visual contact with the suspect vehicle. I then advised Ramsey Communications of the last known location of the suspect vehicle. Ramsey Communications notified surrounding agencies of the last known location of the suspect vehicle and suspect vehicle description. The motor vehicle pursuit lasted for approximately 3 minutes in duration and was approximately 4.1 miles.

NJOAG Vehicle Pursuit form was completed.

Vehicular Pursuit was recorded via BWC2-036636.

Officer of Record:

Date:

Lt. Jeffrey Guilfoyle 153

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CAD #	Case #	Date	Time of Call	Dispatched	Arrived	Cleared	911
25-21463		09/19/25	15:32	15:32	15:32	15:51	
Reg.	St.	Race Code	Citations	Warning			
Incident Type				Business / School / Location Name			
Motor Vehicle Complaint							
Location:							
Street #		Street Name		Apt.#	At Intersection of:		
		Lake Street					
Caller (Lastname, Firstname)		Caller Address			Caller Phone		
Notes				Time	Entered By		
USR PD came over spen reporting a 600 CC sport bike took off on them from a stop, also fled from Montvale when they attempted to stop it. They're not in pursuit. Patrol 19, Unable to locate.							
Officer(s)		Car(s)	Dispatched	Arrived	Cleared	Response Time	Time on Scene
Ptl. Ruben Gonzalez 178		0411	15:32	15:32	15:51	00:00	00:19
Ptl. Brian Stevens 166		0407	15:47	15:47	15:51	00:00	00:04
Average Response Time for this Call:			Dispatched By:		Disposition:		
00:00:00			dispatch9				