



Teaneck Police Department

900 Teaneck Rd, Teaneck, NJ 07666

Phone: 201-837-2600 Fax: 201-837-1880 Mun. Code: 0260

Incident Report



Incident Details:

Case Number	Time Reported	Date Reported	Time Occurred	Date Occurred	Occurrence Between Date / Time of	Time Occurred	Date Occurred	911	Completed
26-008676	20:59	02/02/26	20:59	02/02/26					X

Incident Type:

Resisting Arrest / Eluding 2C:29-2
MV Pursuit
MV Stop

Incident Location:

Street # Street Name Apt # Intersection / Cross Street of:
River Road
Business / Common Location Name

N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 for personal identifying information

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

Code	Contact Name #1	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Z1	Goodwin, Michael			64	M	2B		

Address	Phone / Email	Other Phone
136 Van Buskirk Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666-6329		

Code	Contact Name #2	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
A	Goodwin, Malachi	J		19	M	2B		

Address	Phone / Email Address	Other Phone
136 Van Buskirk Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666-6329		

Code	Contact Name #3	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
O	Goodwin, Crystal				F	2B		

Address	Phone / Email Address	Other Phone
136 Van Buskirk Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666		

Code	Contact Name #4	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN

Address	Phone / Email Address	Other Phone

Code	Contact Name #5	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN

Address	Phone / Email Address	Other Phone

Code	Contact Name #6	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN

Address	Phone / Email	Other Phone

Code	Contact Name #7	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN

Address	Phone / Email Address	Other Phone

Code	Contact Name #8	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN

Address	Phone / Email Address	Other Phone

Property Information:

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

Automobile Information:

1	Vehicle Code	Year	Make	Body Type	Model	Color	Registration	State	VIN
	Arrest	2017	Hyundai	4 DR	SON	Blac	N11FNZ	NJ	5NPE34AF2HH558938
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On Monday, February 2, 2026, at approximately 9:00 p.m., while patrolling the area of 503 Cedar Lane for double-parked vehicles in motor patrol vehicle #16, I observed a black Hyundai Sonata to the right side of my patrol vehicle, traveling west on Cedar Lane at a high rate of speed. As I continued westbound on Cedar Lane, I observed the black Hyundai stopped at a red traffic signal at the intersection of Cedar Lane and River Road. I further observed that the vehicle had an unlit driver-side tail lamp.

Once the traffic signal changed to green, the Hyundai continued west on Cedar Lane, over River Road, and I initiated a motor vehicle stop. I activated my emergency lights and sirens and conducted a motor vehicle stop in front of 735 Cedar Lane. After initially stopping, the vehicle moved forward to clear an active driveway. Before alerting Teaneck Police Dispatch of the motor vehicle stop, the vehicle fled west on Cedar Lane at a high rate of speed. The vehicle approached the intersection of Anderson Street and River Street. Multiple vehicles were stopped at the intersection for the red traffic signal. The vehicle disregarded the traffic signal and proceeded through the intersection, making a left turn onto River Street. I advised Teaneck Police Dispatch of the vehicle's registration, identified as New Jersey N11FNZ. I followed the vehicle south on River Street with activated emergency lights and advised Teaneck Police Dispatch of the vehicle's direction of travel. I observed the vehicle continue south on River Street from a distance, crossing over the double yellow lines and passing multiple vehicles stopped at a red traffic signal at the intersection of River Street and Passaic Street. While disregarding the traffic signal and proceeding through the intersection, the Hyundai was nearly struck by another vehicle traveling east on Passaic Street, narrowly avoiding a serious motor vehicle crash.

Sergeant J.R. Meyer #340 advised me to terminate the vehicle pursuit. Teaneck Police Dispatch advised surrounding towns via SPEN that the vehicle was last seen traveling south on River Street in Hackensack.

The vehicle registration New Jersey N11FNZ was registered to Mr. Michael Goodwin of 136 Van Buskirk Road in Teaneck, NJ. Officer M. Pellegrino #371 and Officer C. LaChance #389 responded to the residence in an attempt to speak with the registered owner. The Hyundai was not observed at the residence. Officers on the scene spoke with Mrs. Crystal Goodwin, the vehicle's registered owner's wife. She stated that her son, Malachi, was driving the black Hyundai. She attempted to contact Malachi via cellphone, but the call went to voicemail. Mrs. Goodwin further stated that she was unsure of his whereabouts or destination that evening. She was advised to have Malachi respond to Teaneck Police Headquarters upon his return home.

Malachi was issued the following motor vehicle summonses:

- E26 0260 002606 – N.J.S. 39:4-97, Careless Driving
- E26 0260 002607 – N.J.S. 39:4-96, Reckless Driving
- E26 0260 002608 – N.J.S. 39:3-66, Maintenance of Lamps
- E26 0260 002609 – N.J.S. 39:3-74, Obstruction of Windshield
- E26 0260 002610 – N.J.S. 39:4-92, Failure to Pull Over for an Emergency Vehicle

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I responded to the Hackensack Police Department (HPD) to issue the observed violations that occurred in Hackensack, and was assisted by HPD Officer Alvarez #364. The following summonses were issued:

- 0223 H 963470 – N.J.S. 39:4-81, Failure to Observe Traffic Signal (Anderson St./River St.)
- 0223 H 963471 – N.J.S. 39:4-81, Failure to Observe Traffic Signal (River St./Passaic St.)
- 0223 H 963472 – N.J.S. 39:4-97, Careless Driving
- 0223 H 963473 – N.J.S. 39:4-82, Failure to Maintain Lane
- 0223 H 963474 – N.J.S. 39:4-88, Traffic on Marked Lanes
- 0223 H 963475 – N.J.S. 39:4-86, Overtaking and Passing Vehicles

The Honorable Erkia Jungblut was contacted and advised of the incident. Judge Jungblut found probable cause for the issuance of Teaneck Complaint Warrant No. W-2026-000030-0260 charging Malachi with Eluding in violation of N.J.S. 2C:29-2B, a second-degree crime. The complaint-warrant was entered into NCIC (Ref. NIC# W074045320) and later removed by Dispatcher S. Burrell #D56 after Mr. Goodwin surrendered himself at the Teaneck Police Department.

Officer A. Frischer #399 and I spoke with Malachi in the police lobby with his mother, Mrs. Goodwin. Malachi stated that he was the driver of the black Hyundai at the time I attempted to conduct the motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Cedar Lane and River Road. Malachi was subsequently placed under arrest and escorted into the police prisoner processing area.

Officers secured their weapons in the designated weapons locker outside the prisoner processing area. Malachi was escorted into the prisoner processing area/intake room, where he was photographed and fingerprinted, and his property was secured in locker #127.

Malachi was served with multiple motor vehicle summonses and Teaneck Complaint Warrant No. W-2026-000030-0260. Malachi was secured in the rear of motor patrol vehicle #16 and transported to the Bergen County Corrections and Rehabilitation Center with Officer Frischer. At the Bergen County Corrections and Rehabilitation Center, custody of Malachi and his personal property was transferred to Bergen County Sheriff's Officer Sandoval #1908.

A Benchmark Vehicle pursuit form was completed with this report.

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