



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
25-019237	17:46	03/24/25	17:46	03/24/25					X

Incident Type:

Bias Incident
Simple Assault 2C:12-1a
Psych Case

Incident Location:

Street # Street Name Apt # Intersection / Cross Street of:
600 Roemer Ave Roemer Ave / New Bridge
Business / Common Location Name N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 for personal identifying information
Congregation Keter Torah

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

Code	Contact Name #1	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
A	Riccardo, Zachary	R		25	M	1A		

Address	Phone / Email	Other Phone
25611 Grand Central, Little Neck, NY 11362		

Code	Contact Name #2	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Z1	Shushan, Shalom			50	M	1B		

Address	Phone / Email Address	Other Phone
1345 Fayette Street, Teaneck NJ 07666		

Code	Contact Name #3	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
V	Shushan, Elad	M		18	M	1B		

Address	Phone / Email Address	Other Phone
1345 Fayette Street, 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
	Involved	19	Nissan	WAGON	ROG	Blu	HASHEM	NJ	JN8AT2MV7KW398681
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On Monday, March 24, 2025, I was assigned to a special detail at Congregation Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue, during an Israel Land sale event. During this event, a group representing Palestine gathered across the street in Continental Park to protest.

At approximately 5:40 p.m., I was positioned in the eastbound lane of Roemer Avenue, observing the group in Continental Park. My attention was drawn to a white male wearing a multicolored shirt, a dark-colored long sleeve, and blue jeans because he was picking up rocks and dirt from the ground. Due to the heightened tension between the Palestinian group and the Israeli group gathered on the property of Congregation Keter Torah, I believed these objects might be used as projectiles against the opposing side.

At approximately 5:46 p.m., I observed the aforementioned individual, later identified as Mr. Zachary Riccardo, lower his face mask, lean over the metal barricade, and spit white, foamy fluid into the open window of a blue Nissan Rogue bearing New Jersey Registration HASHEM, which was driving westbound on Roemer Avenue. The vehicle had slowed due to traffic, and the driver was honking in support of the Israeli demonstrators. Due to traffic conditions and the number of people present, the victim was unable to be identified at the time of the incident.

I immediately notified Sgt. S. Morena #338, activated my Body-Worn Camera (BWC), crossed the street, and made contact with Mr. Riccardo. He was subsequently placed under arrest, handcuffed, and escorted away from the group by Officer J. Zwerling #381 and me. During this time, Mr. Riccardo sat on the ground. After being brought back to his feet, he was escorted across the street and searched incident to arrest. He was advised that he was under arrest for spitting bodily fluid into a car and in the direction of the victim. In response, he stated, "But I threw up."

Mr. Riccardo requested a lawyer multiple times. He was advised that no incriminating questions were being asked; therefore, his Miranda Warnings were not read at that time.

Mr. Riccardo was then placed in the rear compartment of marked patrol vehicle #19 and transported to Teaneck Police Headquarters by Officer A. Ellington #376 and Officer N. Gavilanes #395. Upon arrival, Officer Ellington pulled into the secured sally port, and all officers secured their weapons in the designated lockbox.

Mr. Riccardo was escorted into the prisoner intake area, where his property was inventoried and stored in temporary property locker #127. He was then photographed and fingerprinted. During this time, Mr. Riccardo advised Officer Ellington and Officer Gavilanes that he was [REDACTED]

N.J.S.A. 47:1A-9; Health Insurance
Portability and Accountability Act of
1996; Executive Order No. 26
(McGreevey) for individual physical
& mental condition

The Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps (TVAC) #76 and Holy Name Medical Center Advanced Life Support (ALS) #301 responded to Teaneck Police Headquarters. Due to Mr. Riccardo's suicidal statement, the determination was made to transport him to [REDACTED] on an involuntary basis for further evaluation. Officer Ellington accompanied TVAC members in the ambulance, and Officer Gavilanes followed in marked patrol vehicle #19. Mr. Riccardo's property was transported with him.

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Teaneck Complaint Summons 0260 S 2025 000102 was drafted, charging Mr. Riccardo with the following offenses:

N.J.S. 2C:16-1A(1) – Bias Crime with Purpose to Intimidate (Fourth-Degree Crime)

N.J.S. 2C:12-1A(1) – Simple Assault (Disorderly Persons Offense)

Mr. Riccardo signed for his property at [REDACTED] and was served with the complaint summons. He was released on his own recognizance pending his court date at the Bergen Superior Court Justice Center on April 2, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Due to his involuntary commitment, Mr. Riccardo and his property were turned over to NBMC staff.

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On March 25, 2025, I responded to the home address of the registered owner of the Nissan Rogue. I made contact with the registered owner, Mr. Shalom Shushan, and his son, the victim, Mr. Elad Shushan. Mr. E. Shushan reported that he was driving the aforementioned Nissan Rogue westbound in the area of 600 Roemer Avenue, honking the horn and playing Hebrew music loudly over the vehicle's sound system during the time of the incident. As he was passing the protest, he felt "water" hit the back of his neck. Due to the flow of traffic, he continued westbound and returned home.

Once at home, Mr. E. Shushan received notification that the suspect had been arrested. He then checked his vehicle and observed water marks, indicating that the "water" on his neck was likely spit from Mr. Riccardo. He further stated that he believes his Hebrew music, kippah, and identity as a member of the Jewish community in support of Israel were the reasons Mr. Riccardo targeted him and ultimately spat bodily fluids at him.

A Victim Notification Form was completed and signed by Mr. E. Shushan. A copy was provided to him and is attached to this report. A State of New Jersey Supplementary Bias Incident Offense Report was completed by DSgt. A. Ramirez #350, and the appropriate notifications were made.

BWC Activated.

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