

Rockland blotter: NYC man groped Monsey cleaning lady, cops say

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(Photo: Chris Brown)

A 45-year-old Brooklyn man has been accused of attempting to grab a cleaning lady on Remsen Avenue in Monsey, Ramapo police said.

The woman told officers she had been cleaning a house when Eluzar Herschlag attempted to improperly touch her, police said.

Officers went to the Remsen Avenue address on an assault report, police said.

They searched the area and found Herschlag, who was identified by the woman, police said.

Officers charged Herschlag with attempted forcible touching, a misdemeanor. He was released with a Ramapo Town Court hearing set for Sept. 4.

Ga. man charged in Suffern jewel theft

A 30-year-old Georgia man will spend more time in Rockland after police accused him Friday of stealing more than \$1,000 worth of jewelry from a Suffern store.

Michael Schockney is accused of distracting the jewelry store owner and swiping a bracelet and four rings, police said.

After Schockney left the Lafayette Avenue business, the store owner checked his surveillance video and then called the police.

Officers found Schockney on Orange Avenue, waiting for a bus that would start his trek back to Georgia, according to Police Chief Clarke Osborn.

Schockney, who was staying with his girlfriend, has prior arrests for robbery, burglary, domestic assault, false imprisonment and being a fugitive from justice, according to the chief.

Schockney has been charged with fourth-degree grand larceny and petty larceny. He is being held in the Rockland County jail in lieu of \$1,500 bail set by Justice Alan Simon. His next court appearance is set for Tuesday.

Arsonist sets Blazer ablaze at yeshiva

Ramapo police are investigating an arson fire that burned two rundown vehicles parked behind the Yeshiva of Spring Valley boys school on Maple Avenue in Monsey.

A Chevrolet Blazer was set on fire on Thursday night and the flames jumped onto a pickup truck, Ramapo Detective Sgt. Brian Corbett said. The fire was reported at 9:30 p.m.

"We're assuming teenagers set the Blazer on fire and it spread to the pickup," Corbett said.

The vehicles were abandoned in the back corner of the yeshiva parking lot, Corbett said.

"They were preparing to have them junked in the near future," he said of the school.

He said no one was injured and the fire was contained to the two vehicles, which were severely damaged.

Ramapo police investigated with the Sheriff's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation fire unit.

Anyone with information can call the Ramapo Police Department at 845-357-2400.

Pomona man charged with DWI

A state trooper charged Sheldon Atterbury, 34, of Pomona with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated following a traffic stop at 10:15 p.m. Thursday on the Exit 13N off ramp of the New York State Thruway, according to the state police. Atterbury was released pending appearances in Clarkstown Town Court.

Psych patient gets 4 years for assault

Edwin Vasquez, 47, a Rockland Psychiatric Center patient, has been sentenced to four years in state prison for beating up a fellow patient and stealing money. Vasquez pleaded guilty to second-degree assault, a felony.

Supreme Court Justice William Kelly also sentenced Vasquez to prison for second-degree assault and three years post-release supervision on his conviction.

Vasquez entered a patient's room while he slept and stole money, District Attorney Thomas Zugibe said in a news release. The patient woke up and Vasquez punched him numerous times and beat him with a metal object, Zugibe said. The victim was treated for injuries.

D.A.: Shopper paid with phony bills

Shoyn Johnson, 25, of 292 Berriam St., Brooklyn, has been accused of using counterfeit money to buy a vacuum cleaner from Target at the Palisades Center in West Nyack.

A grand jury indicted Johnson on a charge of first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument. Rockland District Attorney Thomas Zugibe said Johnson used fraudulent \$20 bills to pay for a Dyson vacuum. Johnson also was accused of possessing 46 additional fraudulent \$20 bills.

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