Police catch two copper thieves in the act

On Jan. 2, burglary arrests were made when Linden detectives were on a surveillance detail.

At 11:33 p.m., they observed an individual later identified as Marvin J. Ratchford, 51, of Linden, pry open a door of the former C Town Supermarket, 1601 W. Edgar Road, according to police.

The officers watched as Ratchford made his way to the roof and began dropping copper pipes to the ground. They then observed another vehicle pull pickup truck back up to the rear of the store, and Ratchford and Reginald C. Ingram, 39, of North Brunswick begin to load the copper pipes into the bed of the truck, police said.

Detectives then moved in and arrested the duo along with a female passenger of the pickup, Brenda R. Peoples, 44, of Roselle Park. All three persons were charged with burglary, theft and possession of burglary tools. Ratchford was additionally charged with criminal mischief.

Ratchford is being held on $16,500 bail, and Ingram and Peoples are being held on $11,500 bail. The trio is being held pending transfer to the Union County Jail with a court date set for Jan. 11. The values of the pipes taken is approximately $500.

Union

• Dec. 30: Union police made a motor vehicle stop at 1677 Vauxhall Road of Hassan Fofara for drug paraphernalia and hindering.

• Dec. 30: A motor vehicle stop at 347 Tower St. was made with William Christmas, KH Tilton, Kyle Simonson and a 17-year-old male juvenile for possession with intent and related drug charges.

• Dec. 30: A criminal mischief was investigated in Kawanmee Park by Union police. A small brush fire damaged bleachers and garbage cans. There was no suspect information. Union police cooperated with the Union County Police Department.

• Dec. 31: Police made an arrest and a motor vehicle stop at 1650 Route 22 E/B of James Watson for hindering and various warrants.

• Jan. 1: A brief pursuit was made by Union police on Route 22 eastbound of a reckless driver operating N.J. 26, 1999 BMW M5 four-door white, which was terminated at "S" curves.

• Jan. 2: Police responded to a DVA assault on Manor Drive. A male struck a female and attempted to take a child from an apartment. He fled on foot.

• Jan. 2: An arrest was made at 900 Springfield Road of Kendal Briscole and one male juvenile for shoplifting and hindering.

• Jan. 3: Police arrested Davon Butcher at 1400 Stuyvesant Ave. for possession of CDS paraphernalia during a motor vehicle arrest.

• Jan. 3: Ricardo Villacreses was arrested at 1767 Walker Ave. for possession of marijuana during a motor vehicle stop.

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• Jan. 3: Police arrested Joseph Romano and two juveniles on Salem Road, possession of hypodermic needles and CDS paraphernalia.

• Jan. 4: An arrest was made on Long Terrace of Bobby Freeman for a warrant during a motor vehicle stop.

• Jan. 4: Dijuan Cinro and Raymond Munro were arrested by Union police at 688 Newark Way, Maplewood, for possession of CDS during a motor vehicle stop.

• Jan. 5: Police arrested Miles McClyon on Village Road for a warrant during a suspicious acts call.

• Jan. 5: During a motor vehicle stop on 1901 Morris Ave., an arrest was made of Daniel Exantus, Chenier Sainte and Parris Jones for warrants.

Rahway

• Jan. 3: Rahway Police Officer Jeffrey Urban investigated a theft on Madison Avenue.

• Jan. 4: A theft was reported on Madison Avenue. Christopher O'Brien was the investigating officer.

• Jan. 4: An investigation of a burglary was made at Ross Street by Officer Gary Roman.

• Jan. 5: Officer Robert Zarzycki responded to a theft on St. George Avenue.

• Jan. 7: A theft was reported at Winnam Avenue. Officer Scott Durkin responded.

• Jan. 7: An suspicious event was reported at Irving Street. Officer Andrew Webb investigated the theft.

• Jan. 9: Robert Dedics was the investigating officer at a reported theft on Hamilton Street.

Linden

• Jan. 4: Linden police officers responded to the Walgreens, 22 E St. George Ave., at 10:35 p.m. on a report of a man passing a fraudulent prescription. A pharmacist, male, 36, told police that a man gave a prescription for promethazine with codeine and requested that it be filled. The pharmacist contacted the issuing physician and was told that the script was fraudulent. When officers arrived, the man was pointed out, he attempted to walk out of the store, but was detained by Officer Javier Perez. The officer then informed Severe of Brooklyn, N.Y., that he was under arrest when severe attempted to run out of the store causing Officer Perez to tackle him on the floor to subdue him. The officer suffered an injury to his groin area and was taken to Overlook Hospital, Summit, for medical treatment.

• Jan. 5: Officer Joseph Greco arrested a male and female for possession of crack cocaine and possession of CDS paraphernalia. She was arrested with a Superior Court date of Jan. 4.

Cranford

• Dec. 30: Patrolman John Rattigan arrested Juan D. Muniz, 46, of Colonia at 7:15 p.m. on Walnut Avenue at Blake Avenue. He was arrested for contempt of court. Officer Rattigan stopped a 1996 Nissan for a motor vehicle violation and after a brief investigation on the scene, arrested Muniz on outstanding warrants out of Elizabeth, Woodbridge and Colonia. Muniz posted bail and has pending court dates.

• Jan. 3: Rahway Police Officer Jeffrey Urban investigated a theft on Madison Avenue.

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IN MEMORIAM

AUDIGE — Marlene C., of Springfield; Dec. 27.

BOESGAARD — Ludwig C., of Kenilworth; Jan. 4.

BROWN — Luellen A. Nelson, of Springfield; Jan. 6.

BURREOUGHS — Charles E., of Springfield; Jan. 3.

CABASEL — Joseph M., of Clark; Jan. 4.

CONKLIN — Manon Colletti, of Union; Jan. 6.


DONNELLY — Joseph J., of Cranford; Jan. 4.

DWYER — John M. Sr., of Cranford; Jan. 7.

GARAMBA — Rosemary C.; of Kenilworth; Jan. 7.

GUENTHER — Adele L., formerly of Linden; Jan. 2.

GUNTER — Michael John, of Union; Dec. 29.

HALL — Sandra "Sandy," formerly of Union; Jan. 5.

HAND — Mary E., of Kenilworth; Jan. 7.

HARTMANN — Ailene A. Hurler, of Linden; Jan. 7.

HIRSCH — Joseph A., of Cranford; Dec. 31.

JENKINS — Marc, of Cranford; Jan. 7.

JONES — John W., of Roselle; Jan. 7.

MANEY — Frederick, of Cranford; Dec. 31.

MARKMANN — Anna Maria, of Roselle; Jan. 1.

MARKMANN — Anna Maria, of former Union; Jan. 4.

MURPHY — Lynda, formerly of Rahway; Jan. 5.

PETRASON — Donna M., of Kenilworth; Jan. 6.

PERRIN — Patricia D., of Clark; Jan. 1.

RIZZO — Stella, of Rahway; Jan. 7.

RUBINO — Barbara Anne, of Union; Jan. 5.


SARNI — Rosemary C., of Union; Jan. 7.

SCHMIDT — Robert A., formerly of Summit; Jan. 5.

SPAGNOLA — Carmela, of Union; Jan. 5.

SHORTLIGHT — William James, formerly of Mountainside; Jan. 8.

SWENSON — Arne, of Summit; Dec. 21, 2011.

THEBOEDE — Gisele L., of Linden; Jan. 3.

TIGGETT — Carole, of Union; Dec. 31.

WERNES — Andrew N., of Linden; Jan. 3.

WHITEFIELD — Veronica, of Roselle; Jan. 5.

WYCKO — Vincent Charles, of Union; Jan. 3.

ZIPERSTEIN — Lilian, formerly of Union; Jan. 4.

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OBITUARIES

Anna M. Markmann

Anna Maria Markmann of Easton, Pa., formally of Union, N.J., passed away on January 4, 2012 at the Manor Care Nursing Home in Easton, Pa.

She was 103 years old. Anna was born on September 13, 1908 in Stuttgart, Germany. She was the daughter of Max and Pauline Niederbacher and immigrated to the United States in 1929. Anna had four older brothers.

Anna lived in Union, N.J. for over fifty years and moved to the Alexandria Manor Assisted Living Home in Bethlehem, Pa., in 2008. She was a homemaker and worked as a waitress for many years in the cafeteria at the Bulova Watch Company and the exclusive Essex Club in Newark, N.J. She served such notables as Dwight D. Eisenhower, General Omar Bradley and several New Jersey Governors.

Anna's husband, Hans Markmann, passed away in 1995. They were married for 62 years. She is survived by her son, Donald, of Hackettstown, N.J. and his wife, Barbara; grandchildren Heidi Healy and her husband, Thomas and Donald John Markmann; and Great-grandchildren Ryan, Timothy and Isaiah Healy.

Funeral Services were at the Connell Funeral Home, Bethlehem, Pa., on January 7, 2012. Viewing was from 6-8pm.

Interment was at the Hollywood Memorial Cemetery in Union, N.J. on January 9, 2012.