



Highlands Police Department

151 NAVESINK AVE; HIGHLANDS PD HIGHLANDS , NJ 07732
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Officer Report for Incident 25HL07633

Nature: STOP
Location: P17

Address: LINDEN AVE
HIGHLANDS NJ 07732

Offense Codes: APNA, RIPO, OBST

Received By: Fortunato, A

How Received: O

Agency: P17

Responding Officers: Wojdylak, S, Curley, N, Sodon, T, Anderson, P

Responsible Officer: Wojdylak, S

Disposition: CAA 10/12/25

When Reported: 05:08:58 10/11/25

Occurred Between: 05:08:58 10/11/25 and 05:08:58 10/11/25

Assigned To:
Status:

Detail:
Status Date: **/**/**

Date Assigned: **/**/**
Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last:
DOB: **/**/**
Race:

First:
Dr Lic:
Sex:

Mid:
Address:
Phone:
City: ,

Offense Codes

Reported: TOFF Traffic Offense

Observed: APNA Assault, Police, Agg Injury

Additional Offense: APNA Assault, Police, Agg Injury

Additional Offense: RIPO Resist or Interfere w/ Police

Additional Offense: OBST Obstructing Justice

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Wojdylak, S
Curley, N
Sodon, T
Anderson, P

Unit :

P17065
P17039
P85140
P85142

Responsible Officer: Wojdylak, S

Agency: P17

Received By: Fortunato, A

Last Radio Log: 11:01:37 10/11/25 C

How Received: O Ofcr. Initiated

Clearance: RR Report Required

When Reported: 05:08:58 10/11/25

Disposition: CAA **Date:** 10/12/25

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 05:08:58 10/11/25

Misc Entry:

and: 05:08:58 10/11/25

Statute:	Description :	Method :
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Involvements

Date	Type	Description	
10/12/25	Name	ANDERSON, PATRICK J	Victim
10/12/25	Name	SODON, TRAVIS M	Victim
10/12/25	Name	WOJDYLAK 4TH, STANLEY J	Victim
10/12/25	Name	CURLEY, NICOLE A	Victim
10/11/25	Name	GARCIACRUZ, YESSY E	Arrested
10/11/25	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
10/11/25	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
10/11/25	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
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10/11/25	Citation	Moving Violation	Citation
10/11/25	Offense	AGG ASSAULT-ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-BODILY INJURY - 1 count	Charged With
10/11/25	Vehicle	BLK 2025 NISS ALT NJ	Vehicle
10/11/25		[No description]	Demographics
10/11/25	Cad Call	05:08:58 10/11/25 STOP	Initiating Call
10/11/25		[No description]	Impounded

Narrative

On 10/12/2025 at approximately 05:08 hours while on patrol in marked patrol vehicle 1706 I observed a black Nissan bearing NJ registration D77VMG traveling south bound on SR 36. The vehicle was observed doing 20 mph in a 45-mph zone and failed to use a turn signal. I activated my emergency overhead lights and conducted a motor vehicle stop on Linden Avenue.

Upon conducting the stop, Ptl. Curley and I made contact with the driver, later identified as Yessy Garciacruz. I advised Garciacruz that I needed to see her driver's license, vehicle insurance and vehicle registration. Garciacruz advised that the vehicle was her husbands and she was unaware of where the vehicle documents were. Garciacruz was again asked for her license and advised that it was at her house. At that time Garciacruz was advised to turn the vehicle off and step out of the vehicle. Once out of the vehicle, Garciacruz continued to advised that her license was at her house and provided officer's with her Honduras passport. Garciacruz ultimately admitted that she does not have a valid driver's license.

A warrant check was conducted on Garciacruz. Monmouth County Radio Room (MCR) advised units Garciacruz had an active ATS warrant for \$750 and ACS warrant for \$250 out of Rahway, NJ (see attached). Garciacruz was informed she was being placed under arrest for an active warrant out of Rahway. Garciacruz was instructed to turn around and place her hands behind her back and failed to obey officer's orders. Garciacruz became irate and started backing away towards the driver door of her vehicle. As Ptl. Curley and I attempted to grab Garciacruz by the arms, Garciacruz began striking me with her closed fists. Ptl. Curley and I utilized a two person take down. Garciacruz continued to assault officers by striking with her closed fist, scratching, kicking and biting.

During the physical altercation, Ptl. Curley and I were unable to answer the radio resulting in officers responding from AHPD. Ptl. Anderson #85142 arrived on scene to assist. Ptl. Anderson deployed his Oleoresin Capsicum spray (OC spray) on Garciacruz. Sgt. Sodon #85140 then arrived on scene to assist. Officers were able to handcuff Garciacruz with two pairs of handcuffs double locked and placed behind her back.

During the physical altercation Garciacruz bit Ptl. Curley and I multiple times. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Highlands First Aid Squad ultimately transported Garciacruz to Riverview Medical Center (RMC). Ptl. Anderson escorted Garciacruz in the back of the ambulance and Ptl. Curley followed the ambulance to the hospital in her K9 vehicle.

Hennessy's Towing was dispatched to the scene and the vehicle was impounded due to Garciacruz operating the vehicle without a license and being unable to provided proof of insurance during the time of the motor vehicle stop. Once Hennessy's took possession of the vehicle, I returned to Highlands Police Department headquarters.

Garciacruz was charged with four counts of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer in the third degree (2C:12-1B(5)(A)), and one count of resisting arrest in the third degree (2C:29-2A(2)) (see warrant 1317W2025000059). Garciacruz was later charged with one count of obstruction of justice due to non-compliance of being fingerprinted (2C: 29-1a). Garciacruz also received numerous traffic summons, including unlicensed driver (39: 3-10), failure to possess insurance card (39: 3-29C), impeding slow speed (39: 4-97.1), failure to use turn signal (39: 4-126) and delaying traffic (39: 4-56) (see attached). Ptl. Curley, Ptl. Anderson, Sgt. Sodon and I all received a medical evaluation at RMC due to blood exposure and other injuries that occurred during the physical altercation.

Once Garciacruz and was medically discharged from RMC, I transported Garciacruz to Monmouth County Correctional Institution with my body worn camera activated. After completing the transport, all other necessary paperwork was completed. Noting further at this time.

Ptl. Wojdylak #65

Supplement

11:01:37 10/11/2025 - Mason, G

CAD Call info/comments

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05:08:58 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A

BLK NISSAN

05:09:37 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A

P17065 REQ WARRANT RUN ON SPN 1233265 YESSY GARCIA CRUZ RIGHT BEFORE CONDUCTING A
44 WITH HER AS THE DRIVER

05:12:31 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A

YESSY GARCIA CRUZ NEG NCIC // 1 ATS \$750 OUT OF RAHWAY 10% ALLOWED (WARRANT E23
3165) // 1 ACS OUT OF RAHWAY \$250 10% ALLOWED (WARRANT S 2023 000157) ///

SHOWING ID ONLY

05:19:20 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A

AFTER MULTIPLE OFFICER SAFETY CHECKS -- SENDING .85 TO THE LOC

05:19:58 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A

P85140 ENRT TO CHECK ON 17065 & 17039

05:23:26 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A - From: Curley, N

REQ ADDITIONAL UNITS

05:24:07 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A - From: Sodon, T

STEPPING IT UP

05:24:18 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A - From: Anderson, P

GOING OUT

05:25:22 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A - From: Anderson, P

DEPLOYED OC SPRAY @ 05:25

05:26:58 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A - From: Sodon, T

[REDACTED] // ONE IN CUSTODY

05:28:19 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A - From: Wojdylak, S

REQ A 17 TO THIS LOC FOR THE VEH

05:29:42 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A - From: Sodon, T

SEND RIG NOW TO LINDEN / WILLIAM

05:29:56 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A

EMS Dispatch Address change from 151 NAVESINK AVE; HIGHLANDS PD to LINDEN AVE &
WILLIAM ST

05:31:39 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A

HENNESSYS NTFD -- 15 MIN ETA

05:59:39 10/11/25 - Fortunato, A - From: Wojdylak, S

HENNESSYS ON LOC

06:04:37 10/11/25 - Tacinelli, T - From: Curley, N

EDITED BLS transp female 41 to hospital // Myself and 85142 will be following

06:07:48 10/11/25 - Davis, Ja - From: Wojdylak, S
hennessy has posession of the veh - req cch on the subj

06:35:33 10/11/25 - Davis, Ja

85142 clear from riverview

08:05:00 10/11/25 - Mason, G - From: Wojdylak, S
enroute to riverview

10:01:31 10/11/25 - Mason, G - From: Wojdylak, S
EDITED transporting 1 female 41 from riverview to mcci // sm 10481 // BWC
activated

10:01:45 10/11/25 - Mason, G - From: Wojdylak, S
10-9 at mcci // em 10503

11:01:29 10/11/25 - Mason, G - From: Wojdylak, S
clear from mcci

Supplement

21:37:02 10/11/2025 - Sodon, T

Stop/ Warrant Arrest - 189 South Linden Avenue - 10/11/25

Code 3 Response

TMS I, Sergeant Sodon was requested by Monmouth County Dispatch to respond to the area of Linden Avenue as a result of Highlands police officers not answering their radios while effecting an arrest during a traffic stop (25HL07633). I began to respond in that direction when I heard Officer Curley begin to yell on the radio asking for additional officers to help. I activated my patrol vehicles lights and sirens as well as my body worn camera and began to respond in a code 3 response. I arrived on scene and approached the front of the suspect's vehicle where I observed Patrolman Anderson (AHPD), Officer Curley (Highlands PD) and Patrolman Wojdylak (Highlands PD) on the ground in a physical struggle with the suspect, Yessi Garciacruz who had active warrants for her arrest. I donned latex gloves and began to give the suspect verbal commands to stop resisting and place her hands behind her back. I observed the suspect to be actively resisting officers control and non compliant with officers lawful orders. I had also learned that the suspect had already been sprayed by an officer with Oleoresin Capsicum (Pepper Spray). The suspect was laying on the ground on her back and actively pulling away from officers control and kicking her legs. Once I had latex gloves on, I began to roll the suspect over onto her stomach with other officers while continuing to give clear verbal commands for her to place her hands behind her back and to stop resisting which she continued to not comply with. I then used my hands to grab her arms and place them behind her back where officers were able to successfully secure her in handcuffs. Once the suspect was handcuffed we helped her into the recovery position and dispatched Highlands EMS [REDACTED] The suspect was eventually handcuffed to the Highlands EMS stretcher and turned over to EMS care while officers stood by with her to be transported to Riverview Medical Center.

It should be noted that the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Once [REDACTED]

shift change occurred at 0700 hours, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sergeant Travis M. Sodon #140

Supplement

22:23:37 10/11/2025 - Anderson, P

Stop/ Warrant Arrest - 189 South Linden Avenue - 10/11/25

PJA - Sergeant Sodon and I responded to Linden Avenue at the request of the Monmouth County Radio Room after Highlands Officers (Officer Curley and Patrolman Wojdylak) failed to answer three radio checks after being out on a motor vehicle stop with a subject that had confirmed warrants, See Highlands Incident reports for further. Upon my arrival in the area of 189 South Linden Avenue I observed both Highlands Police vehicles and the involved vehicle but no signs of Highlands Officers or any involved subjects. As I exited my patrol I drew my department issued handgun and at this time I heard Officer Curley come over the radio frantically asking for police assistance. I began running East on South Linden Avenue, past both Highlands Police vehicles and the accused vehicle where I observed Officer Curley and Patrolman Wojdylak on the ground and in a physical struggle with a subject. As I approached I confirmed there was no weapon involved and holstered my duty weapon. I then began to take control of the suspect's legs as Officer Curley and Patrolman Wojdylak were controlling the suspect's upper body and attempting to actively handcuff them. The suspect continued to actively resist and I heard Officer Curley state that the suspect had bitten them. At this time I deployed my departmental issued Oleoresin Capsicum (Pepper Spray) and instructed the suspect to comply or else they would be sprayed. The suspect failed to comply with my commands as they actively resisted and I then deployed my pepper spray. At this time Sergeant Sodon arrived on scene. It should be noted that my body worn camera was not activated up until this time and it was activated shortly after I deployed my pepper spray. A short time later the suspect was secured in handcuffs and moved to a recovery position. The suspect was then transported to Riverview Medical Center by Highlands EMS with the assistance of myself and Officer Curley. Upon arrival at the hospital the suspect was turned over to the staff and I cleared.

Patrolman Patrick J. Anderson #142

Vehicles

Vehicle Number:

883625

License Plate: D77VMG**State:** NJ**Vehicle Year:** 2025**Make:** NISS Nissan**Color:** BLK /**Vehicle Type:** PCAR Passenger Car**License Type:****Expires:** 03/31/29**VIN:** 1N4BL4DW1SN308070**Model:** ALT**Doors:** 0**Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Last:** GILLIGAN**First:** ROBERT**Mid:** F**DOB:** [REDACTED] 63**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** 217 MARINA DR**Race:** W**Sex:** M**Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** HIGHLANDS, NJ 07732**Agency:****Date Recov/Rcvd:** **/**/****Officer:****Area:****UCR Status:****Wrecker Service:****Local Status:****Storage Location:****Status Date:** **/**/****Release Date:** **/**/****Comments:**

Name Involvements:

Victim : 930855
Last: WOJDYLAK **First:** STANLEY **Mid:** J
4TH
DOB: [REDACTED] 00 **Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]
Address: 151 NAVESINK AVE;
HIGHLANDS BOROUGH
HALL
City: HIGHLANDS, NJ 07732

Race: W **Sex:** M **Phone:** () -

Victim : 355023
Last: SODON **First:** TRAVIS **Mid:** M
DOB: [REDACTED] 92 **Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]
Address: 3 MILLERS XING

Race: W **Sex:** M **Phone:** [REDACTED]
City: MIDDLETOWN, NJ 07716

Arrested : 1233265
Last: GARCIA CRUZ **First:** YESSY **Mid:** E
DOB: [REDACTED] 95 **Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]
Address: 217 MARINA DR

Race: L **Sex:** F **Phone:** () -
City: HIGHLANDS, NJ 07732

Victim : 1170084
Last: CURLEY **First:** NICOLE **Mid:** A
DOB: [REDACTED] 88 **Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]
Address: 151 NAVESINK AVE;
HIGHLANDS PD
City: HIGHLANDS, NJ 07732

Victim : 187733
Last: ANDERSON **First:** PATRICK **Mid:** J
DOB: [REDACTED] 94 **Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]
Address: 158 1ST AVE

Race: W **Sex:** M **Phone:** (732)291-1212 **City:** ATL HIGHLANDS, NJ 07716