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West Orange Police Arrest Suspect on Weapons Charges

September 10, 2013 – West Orange, NJ – Mayor Robert D. Parisi announced today that West Orange police have arrested and charged a West Orange man with unlawful possession of a weapon in relation to an incident that occurred on September 9, 2013.

Judens Obed Michel was arrested Monday night after a police officer saw him acting suspiciously while walking on Valley Road. The officer observed that he closely matched the description of an armed suspect from a previously reported incident involving a handgun.

When approached by police, Michel fled the scene on foot. Three officers gave chase and caught him on Quinby Place. Michel discarded a gun during the pursuit, which was recovered by police.

He was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon and resisting arrest, among other charges. He has not been connected with any other investigation at this time.

“Our officers are out there all day everyday risking their lives to protect our community. They make me extremely proud. I hope they make all the citizens of West Orange proud, because they're willing to go into harm's way to keep our town safe,” West Orange Police Chief James P. Abbott said.

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