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### WOPD Detectives Make Arrests in Four Separate Cases

**August 21, 2012 - West Orange, NJ**— Mayor Robert D. Parisi and Police Chief James P. Abbott announced today that West Orange Police Detectives have arrested and charged the actors involved in four separate criminal cases that occurred within the Township during July and August.

An adult and two juvenile accomplices were arrested for a July 22<sup>nd</sup> armed robbery at Chestnut and Harrison Avenues. Shaquille Phelps, age 18, of 57 Ridge Avenue, West Orange, was arrested on August 13<sup>th</sup> and is being held on \$100,000 bail. All three actors were charged with robbery, conspiracy, unlawful possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes.

In a second case, a juvenile was taken into custody and charged with burglary/theft for a June 30<sup>th</sup> burglary to a residence at 16 Maple Street. All of the proceeds stolen during the burglary were recovered.

Detectives solved other burglary cases when a juvenile was taken into custody for committing two separate burglaries at 62 Franklin Avenue and a third burglary at 97 Franklin Ave. The juvenile was charged with three counts of burglary and one count of unlawful taking of means of conveyance. The actor stole a car during the first burglary, which was reported on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The car was recovered and the juvenile was arrested. Later that week, the same juvenile was charged with burglary and theft for an attempted burglary at the same address on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

“Our detectives have been working around the clock investigating these crimes. I am very pleased with their efforts leading to arrests of these individuals to ensure that those responsible for these crimes are brought to justice,” said West Orange Police Chief James P. Abbott.

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