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*** PRESS RELEASE *** Hoboken Police Department investigate multiple thefts of the Israeli Flag

The Hoboken Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in an investigation into three separate thefts of the Israeli Flag outside of Hoboken City Hall, 94 Washington St.

On **Oct. 20, 2023**, at approximately 9:55 p.m., two males stopped in front of City Hall. One stopped directly in front of the flag post, believed to be acting as a look-out. The second male, wearing a black colored jacket with hood, light colored jeans, and a black colored face mask climbed up onto the ledge and pulled the Israeli Flag off its post. Both men fled the area in a black Lincoln SUV.

On **Nov. 27, 2023**, at approximately 3:40 p.m., a man walked up to the flagpole, took the flag down breaking two carabiners which were securing the flag, and ran off.

On **Dec. 13, 2023**, at approximately 2:25 a.m., a man in a white shirt, jeans, and white shoes ran towards the flagpole, climbed it, took the flag down, and jumped to the ground. A second man wearing a white hooded sweatshirt, jeans, and white shoes was with him. Both men ran from the scene toward the intersection of Newark and Washington Streets. When they saw a Hoboken Police patrol car nearby, they dropped the flag and ran off.

Police have released pictures of individuals and vehicles connected to the crimes. Anyone with information, including photographic or video evidence, is asked to contact Det. John Quinones at (201) 420-2100 ext. 3182 or <u>Quinonesj@hobokenpdnj.gov</u>.