



Hoboken Police Arrest Blotter

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1. On **May 15, 2025**, at approximately 2:20 a.m., Police Officers Carmen Benitez and Brandon Cappelluti were conducting a sweep of a Hoboken Housing Authority (HHA) Building on the 300 block of Harrison Street when they observed a man sleeping on the 10th floor staircase. The man was identified as 69-year-old Robert Ortiz of Hoboken and the officers knew he was not a resident of HHA. It was discovered he had a warrant for defiant trespassing in Hoboken. Ortiz was transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters and charged with criminal trespassing. After being processed, he was transported to the Hudson County Correctional Facility.
2. On **May 15, 2025**, at approximately 9:50 a.m., Police Officer Frank Lombardo processed the arrest of 64-year-old Julie Aviles of Hoboken, who had reported to Hoboken Police Headquarters on charges of theft of a package from property. The charge was in connection with a report filed on April 1, 2025, after a victim reported a package had been stolen from inside a residential building on the 200 block of Jackson Street. A follow up investigation by Police Officer Jason Montalvo identified Aviles as the actor. A complaint was filed and mailed to Aviles. After being processed on May 15, Aviles was released from police custody.
3. On **May 15, 2025**, at approximately 6:45 p.m., Police Officers Roberto Cuevas and Matthew Bonanno responded to ShopRite, 900 Madison St., on reports of a shoplifting where the actor was in custody of store security. An on-scene investigation revealed the man, later identified as 44-year-old Luis Medina of Jersey City, entered the store and placed a variety of meat products into tote bags. When he left, he only paid for one item and tried to leave with approximately \$385 in unpaid items, before being stopped by security guards. He was placed under arrest for shoplifting and transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters. It was discovered Medina had three active warrants out of Jersey City. After processing, Medina was transported to the Hudson County Correctional Facility.
4. On **May 16, 2025**, at approximately 3:30 a.m., Sgt. Harold Milne observed a vehicle facing the wrong way on Harrison Street near Observer Highway. He approached and observed that two vehicles had been involved in a crash, resulting in a pole being knocked down. Multiple injuries were also reported. The Hoboken Fire Department and the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps also responded to assist. An individual, later identified as 37-year-old Lina Garcia of

Elizabeth, indicated she was one of the drivers involved in the accident. Sgt. Milne observed her to be intoxicated. Police Officers Ricky Truppner and Domenick Allegretta arrived on the scene to perform a field sobriety test, after which Garcia was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated. She was transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters where it was revealed Garcia had lied about driving one of the cars. 37-year-old Edwyn Macelus of Nanuet, NY was later determined to be the driver. He refused a field sobriety test. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated and transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters. Garcia was charged with hindering the apprehension of another and issued a summons for not wearing a seatbelt. Macelus was charged with three counts of assault by auto and hindering apprehension. He was also issued summonses for multiple traffic violations. As per John's Law, Macelus was released into the custody of a responsible party. Garcia was released on a summons.

5. On **May 16, 2025**, at approximately 12:40 p.m., Police Officers Daniel Barron and Harry Montalvo responded to Kings Food Market, 1212 Shipyard La., on reports of a shoplifting. An on-scene investigation revealed a person walked into the store, took two containers of Tide pods, and attempted to leave without paying. Store employees stopped him, and he gave back the items. During the investigation, officers were able to identify the actor as 29-year-old Jacob Smith of Hoboken. A short time later, Police Officer Alyssa Olivera observed a man who fit Smith's description and stopped him. A search incident to arrest located a cylindrical glass pipe with burnt ends. He was transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters and charged with shoplifting and possession of drug paraphernalia. After being processed, he was transported to the Hudson County Correctional Facility.

6. On **May 16, 2025**, at approximately 9:15 p.m., Police Officer Remy Garcia-Marte processed the arrest of 45-year-old Christian Munoz of Hampton Bays, New York. Munoz was charged with criminal mischief in connection to an incident reported on March 22 during which an individual got out of his own car while in traffic, struck another vehicle with his hands causing damage, and yelled racial slurs at the driver. A follow-up investigation by Det. Luis Rodriguez identified Munoz as the driver. A summons complaint was generated and mailed to Munoz. On May 16, Munoz was processed and released with a court date.

7. On **May 17, 2025**, at approximately 2:55 a.m., Police Officers Anish Bhisey, Trevor Thomas, Marvin DeJesus, and David Smentowski were on patrol on the 50 block of Washington Street when they observed two groups of people in a verbal altercation. Officers attempted to de-escalate the situation and gave all the individuals involved multiple warnings to disperse, but both groups continued to argue and proceeded to approach each other in a manner as if to physically fight. One man, later identified as 22-year-old Mohammad Aliouche of Brooklyn, NY, was seen by officers' taking a swing at another individual. Aliouche resisted arrest and

ignored orders to stop resisting. Once placed under arrest, he was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and simple assault. He was transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters, processed, and released on a summons with a court date.

8. On **May 17, 2025**, at approximately 7:25 a.m. Police Officers Trevor Thomas and Anish Bhisey responded to reports of someone sleeping in the stairwell of a Hoboken Housing Authority (HHA) building on the 500 block of Jackson Street. They found the man, later identified as 49-year-old Jeffrey Wheeler of Hoboken, on the second floor and it was determined Wheeler did not live in the building and didn't have a valid reason for being there. He was arrested for defiant trespassing, issued a summons, and released on the scene after being escorted from the building.

9. On **May 16, 2025**, at approximately 11:40 p.m., multiple units responded to the 500 block of Sinatra Drive on reports of a disorderly person. An on-scene investigation revealed the individual, later identified as 26-year-old Michael Slattery of Boston, had stopped three females, including a teenager and harassed them by hitting a cart they had with them, yelling racial slurs at them, and pulling their arms aggressively. He also tried to knock a phone out of the hands of one of the adults. When interviewed by officers, Slattery refused to answer questions and wouldn't speak about the matter. He was transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters and charged with bias intimidation and harassment. He was processed and released with a summons.

10. On **May 17, 2025**, at approximately 8:55 p.m., Police Officer Shyenna Vega was patrolling on the 800 block of Sinatra Drive when she observed a vehicle parked illegally and in a way that forced other cars to go around it in an unsafe manner. The officer activated her lights and sirens to get the car to move. When it didn't, she approached the vehicle and observed a man, later identified 37-year-old Jorge Camacho of Union City, sleeping in the driver's seat with the engine still on. Police Officer John Lawton arrived on the scene to assist. Officers smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from Camacho's breath. Officer Vega was able to see an open can of beer in plain view on the floor of the passenger seat. Sgt. Roary Miller and Police Officers Jairo De La Cruz and Zackary Guido arrived on the scene. A field sobriety test was performed, after which it was determined Comacho was unable to operate a motor vehicle safely, and he was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated. He was transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters for processing. He was issued summonses for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, obstructing passage of other vehicles, and having an open alcoholic beverage container in his car. As per John's Law, Comacho was released into the custody of a responsible party.

11. On **May 17, 2025**, at approximately 1 p.m., Sgt. Tyler Soto and Police Officer Joseph Lupo responded to ShopRite, 900 Madison St., on reports shoplifting with the actor in custody of store security. An on-scene investigation revealed a man, later identified as 38-year-old Eric Duvall of Hoboken, was seen at the check-out placing items into a bag without scanning or paying for approximately \$140 worth of merchandise before being stopped at the exit. He was placed under arrest, transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters for processing, and released with a summons.

12. On **May 18, 2025**, at approximately 10:20 a.m., Police Officer Rose Kanan observed a man she could identify as 29-year-old Jacob Smith of Hoboken walking on Fourth Street at Madison Street and knew he had an active warrant for theft and burglary. The warrant was confirmed. Detective Paul Quinn, Detective Harold Milne, and Police Officer Brandon Cappelluti observed Smith on the 500 block of Jackson Street, and he was stopped. A search incident to arrest located a cylindrical glass pipe with burnt edges, a piece of steel wool, and a miniature yellow translucent capsule commonly used to store CDS crack cocaine. Smith was transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters where he was additionally charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. After being processed, he was transported to Hudson County Correctional Facility.

13. On **May 19, 2025**, at approximately 12:30 a.m., Sgt. Nicholas Losurdo, Sgt. Harold Milne and Police Officers Ahmed Makshat and Zackary Guido observed two men, later identified as 46-year-old Santos Sierra of Jersey City and 34-year-old Jonatan Davila of Union City, entering a Hoboken Housing Authority (HHA) building on the 300 block of Marshall Drive. When they left, they walked through HHA property toward the Second Street Light Rail station. When they observed the officers, they began to walk away but were stopped. Sierra threw an object onto the light rail tracks, later discovered to be cigarettes that had been dipped in suspected Phencyclidine (PCP). Sierra and Davila were placed under arrest and transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters. Sierra was charged with possession of CDS, hindering apprehension, possession of drug paraphernalia, and criminal trespassing. Davila was charged with defiant trespassing. Both men were released with summonses.

14. On **May 19, 2025**, at approximately 3:20 p.m., Sgt. Adam Colon, Sgt. Wilfredo Gomez, Detectives Fabian Quinones, Connor Milne, and Anthony Azzoline, and Police Officers Anthony Olivera and Police Officer Bianca Arroyo responded to the 300 block of 13th Street on reports of two men involved in a dispute. An on-scene investigation revealed one individual, later identified as 81-year-old Galo Estrella of Hoboken, was the aggressor trying to hit another man with a bag containing a hard item inside, which was discovered to be a piece of a bed frame. Estrella was placed under arrest for aggravated assault and possession of weapons for unlawful

purposes. He was transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters, processed, and released with a summons.

15. On **May 19, 2025**, at approximately 9:45 a.m., Police Officers Teddy Santiago and Marco Grossman responded to ShopRite, 900 Madison St., on reports of a shoplifting where the actor, later identified as Ashley Gonzalez, took a total of \$21.30 worth of merchandise and left without paying. Captain David Olivera, who was working at an outside employment detail nearby, arrested Gonzalez after she spat at store security who attempted to stop her. Gonzalez was transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters and charged with shoplifting and harassment. It was discovered she had a warrant for simple assault out of Bayonne. After being processed, Gonzalez was transported to the Hudson County Correctional Facility.

16. On **May 20, 2025**, at approximately 11:20 a.m., an individual entered Hoboken Police Headquarters to report that she was the victim of ongoing harassment. A follow-up investigation identified 72-year-old Harold Whalen of Hoboken as the actor and discovered he had committed harassment multiple times in recent weeks, including pulling fire alarms in his building, placing soiled diapers and sex toys on and around his neighbor's doors, and roaming hallways nude. Officers responded to his residence and Whalen was arrested for stalking and witness tampering. He was ultimately transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters for processing and then the Hudson County Correctional Facility.

17. On **May 20, 2025**, at approximately 7:55 p.m., Police Officer John Rodriguez was on patrol at Church Square Park when he observed a man he could identify as 44-year-old Damont Dyer of North Bergen. It was confirmed that Dyer had a warrant out of Hoboken for possession of drug paraphernalia and defiant trespassing. Police Officers John Lawton, Stephen Chowanec, and Roberto Cuevas responded to assist. Dyer was placed under arrest and transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters. After being processed on the warrant out of Hoboken, and another from Hudson County, he was transported to the Hudson County Correctional Facility.

18. On **May 21, 2025**, at approximately 4:10 p.m., Police Officers Jonathan Figueroa and Roberto Cuevas responded to ShopRite, 900 Madison St., on reports of a shoplifting. An on-scene investigation revealed a man, later identified as 31-year-old Shawn Zambrano of Jersey City, was seen concealing items worth a total of \$164.97 in a bag and trying to exit without paying, before store security stopped him. Zambrano was transferred to Hoboken Police Headquarters and processed on shoplifting charges. He was ultimately transported to the Hudson County Correctional Facility.