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Key: (A) Arrested (V) Victim (W) Witness (O) Other (D) Driver (JM) Juvenile Male (JF) Juvenile Female (ROR) Released on Own Recognizance (ROB) Released on Bail (RTP) Released to Parent (HMC) Hackettstown Medical Center (SCH) St. Clare's Hosp. (MMC) Morristown Medical Center (MCCF) Morris Co. Correctional Facility (MCJDC) Morris Co. Juv. Detention Center

Incident/Event:	Aggravated Assault, Terroristic Threats, Possession of Weapons for an Unlawful Purpose, False Imprisonment
Date:	April 7, 2024
Location:	Flanders, NJ
Investigated by:	Officer Christopher Saunders
Involved:	Mr. Andrew Heller (A), 40 YO M, Flanders, NJ

On April 7, 2024, at 8:30 pm, Officer Saunders responded to a residence in the Flanders section of town for a report on an incident between Mr. Heller and a female victim. Upon arrival, Officer Saunders entered the residence and made contact with Mr. Heller, who was found sleeping inside. Before waking Mr. Heller to speak with him, Officer Saunders located and removed multiple knives from his possession. Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that Mr. Heller assaulted the victim, refused to let her leave the residence or request help, and made threats against her.

Mr. Heller was placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters where he was charged with Aggravated Assault, Terroristic Threats, Possession of Weapons for an Unlawful Purpose, and False Imprisonment. He was lodged in in the Morris County Correctional Facility pending a court hearing.

Incident/Event:	DWI, Reckless Driving, Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle
Date:	April 8, 2024
Location:	Rt. 46 Budd Lake, NJ
Investigated by:	Officer Sean Smith
Involved:	Ms. Monika T. Bassett (A), 44 YO F, Budd Lake, NJ

On April 8, 2024, at 3:39 pm Officer Smith responded to the area of Rt. 46 and CVS for the report of an erratic driver. A 911 caller reported a silver Chevrolet failing to maintain its lane of travel. Officer Smith located the vehicle in the parking lot of CVS. Officer Smith made contact with the driver, who was identified as Ms. Monika Bassett. As Officer Smith spoke with Ms. Bassett, he detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage and noted that Ms. Bassett appeared to be impaired. Officer Smith also observed an open beer can in the center console of Ms. Bassett's vehicle. Ms. Bassett refused field sobriety testing at the scene and was placed under arrest.

Ms. Bassett was transported to police headquarters and was charged with DWI, Reckless Driving, Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, Consumption of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle. She was released to a third party pending a court appearance.

All parties listed above are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.