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DWI Arrest: On April 26, 2020 at 12:07 a.m., Patrol Officers responded to Madison Street on the report that a vehicle struck a house. Upon the arrival of Ptl. Leonard Anzano, he made contact with the driver of a 2015 Ram pickup truck, later identified as Ernest Benson Jr., 23 years old of Pequannock. Through his investigation, Ptl. Anzano determined that Mr. Benson was travelling westbound on Madison Street when he struck a parked vehicle on the side of the roadway. At that time Mr. Benson lost control of the vehicle, left the roadway and struck a home on Madison St. During his conversation with Mr. Benson, Ptl. Anzano made several observations that led him to believe that he may have been impaired. He was asked to perform sobriety tests and was placed under arrest at the conclusion of the tests. Ptl. Anzano conducted a search of Mr. Benson's person and located a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in his possession. He was transported to Pequannock Police Headquarters for processing where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Careless Driving, Failure to Maintain a Lane, Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in a Motor Vehicle, Possession of Under 50 Grams of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Under the Influence of CDS. Mr. Benson was released to a third party with a scheduled appearance at the Pequannock Municipal Court.

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