



# Town of Wallkill Police Department

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release**  
**October 6, 2020**

**Incident:** Arrest – Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance  
**Location:** 428 County Route 17M, Town of Wallkill, NY  
**Date/Time:** October 3, 2020 / 1:48 am

On Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 1:48 am, Sergeant Jeremy Warner and Officer Warren Ponds responded to a “Noise Complaint” at 428 County Route 17M. After a brief investigation, a search of the defendant’s vehicle led to the recovery of 10 grams of MDMA and 4 grams of marihuana. The defendant, Michael J. McGriff, 27 year old, male, Walden resident, was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance Third Degree and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana Second Degree. Subsequently during the investigation, a second defendant pushed and struck Officer Ponds in the face and neck area. The second defendant, Portia Renee Bedgood, 25 year old, female, Ellenville resident, was arrested and charged with Harassment Second Degree, Disorderly Conduct, Obstructing Governmental Administration Second Degree and Assault Third Degree.

The defendants were released with an appearance ticket to appear before Judge Joseph Owen, at the Town of Wallkill Court on October 14, 2020 at 9:00am.

A criminal charge is merely an allegation by the police that a defendant has committed a violation of the criminal law, and it is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the State of New York's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Robert McLymore  
Lieutenant

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