

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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The Township of Washington Police Department is currently investigating a robbery which took place on 02/25/2021 in the area of the Washington Town Center located at 285 Pascack Road. The juvenile victim arranged to meet with someone he did not know who was selling used sneakers. The meeting was facilitated by a mutual friend. When the juvenile arrived and met with the seller, the male seller was accompanied by another male in a white or light-colored SUV. The victim was given the sneakers and made an electronic money transfer as payment using an online service to the sellers account. The seller and his accomplice then threatened and assaulted the victim and took the sneakers and fled the scene in their vehicle. Any persons with information about this incident are asked to call the Township of Washington Police Department at 201-664-1140.

Parents should speak with their children about these types of incidents and about using caution when dealing with strangers in this capacity. Residents should also be aware that the Township of Washington provides a safe location for online transactions in the Town Hall/Police Department parking lot which is video recorded at all times.

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The Township of Washington is located in the northern portion of Bergen County, which is in the far northeastern corner of New Jersey, 15 miles northwest of New York City. The Washington Twp. Police Department was established by ordinance in April 1934, and expanded, along with the town, in the 1950's. Presently, the Township of Washington has approximately 10,000 residents who are protected by 20 full-time sworn police officers, under the direction of Police Chief Richard Skinner. Community policing initiatives and educational outreach throughout the community are among the top priorities for the department's organizational focus.