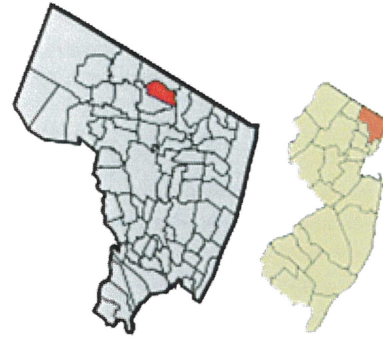




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Criminal Mischief Arrest

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On January 31st, 2025, an 89-year-old woman noticed that her 2004 Acura TSX vehicle was “keyed” while parked at the Ridge Diner parking lot between the hours of 11AM-1230PM. Officer Carlos Alicea was the responding officer to the incident. The Detective Bureau received video footage during that time frame and identified a woman keying the passenger side of a white sports utility vehicle while entering the diner. Upon leaving the diner a short time later, the same woman was recorded on video keying the passenger side of the Acura. The Detective Bureau was able to identify the actor and arrest Jennifer Watkins (DOB: 4/28/82 – 112 Ridge Street, Pearl River NY) on the following charge:

Criminal Mischief W/ Damage – 2C:17-3A(1) [a crime of the third degree]

The Park Ridge Police Department is seeking the owner of the white sports utility vehicle that was damaged on the passenger-side, since that victim /registered vehicle owner has not been identified. The damage was caused between the hours of 11AM-1230PM on January 31st, 2025. Anyone with pertinent information on the incident can reach out to Detective Michael Albanese at 201-391-5401 ext. 235. Jennifer Watkins was arrested, processed, and released on February 17, 2025.

Chief Joseph Rampolla states that this charge is merely an accusation and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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