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FIREARM ARREST

On 06/05/2023 at approximately 2:29 PM, a Village of Mamaroneck K-9 Officer was conducting traffic enforcement in the 700 block of Mamaroneck Avenue. The officer observed a vehicle, occupied by two men, with an expired Florida temporary registration and conducted a traffic stop. Based upon the initial interview of the driver and his demeanor, the Officer retrieved his K-9 partner Ike to conduct an exterior "sniff" of the vehicle for narcotics. Ike subsequently indicated for the presence of narcotics. Upon informing the driver of the dog's findings, the driver spontaneously uttered that there was a firearm in the vehicle belonging to him. Both the driver and his front seat passenger were detained for further investigation. Upon consent of the driver, officers conducted a search of the vehicle and recovered a loaded 9 MM semi-automatic handgun.

The driver/defendant, Paul Wright, a 25-year-old male from New Rochelle, NY, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree (C Felony), and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree (D Felony), as the handgun contained 11 rounds of ammunition. The defendant was held pending arraignment in Village of Mamaroneck Court.

The front seat passenger was released with no charges after being interviewed by VMPD Detectives.



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