WOODLAND PARK POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH THEFT

PATERNON, NEW JERSEY: April 30, 2018

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces the arrest of Thomas Bolen, age 46, of Woodland Park.

Thomas Bolen was charged by the Passaic County Prosecutor’s Office on April 30, 2018, with one count of third degree Theft in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3. The charge was placed on a summons. Theft in the third degree carries a maximum term of five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison. The alleged theft occurred on or about April 1, 2016, through on or about December 2, 2016, from the Borough of Woodland Park. Mr. Bolen was employed as a police officer in the Woodland Park Police Department during that time period. It is alleged that he received compensation from the Borough for work he did not perform, and that the value of that compensation exceeded $500.00 but was less than $75,000.00.

The investigation in this matter remains ongoing. Media inquiries should be directed to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Mary Catherine Ryan at mryan@passaiccountynj.org.

Any inquiries regarding Mr. Bolen’s employment status should be referred to the Woodland Park Police Department at (973) 345-8111.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.