



## **Bay Village Press Release**

**10/19/2020**

On October 11, at 12:59am, Bay Village Police were on patrol in the area of Lake Road and Bradley Road when they stopped a vehicle for multiple moving violations. Police spoke with the female operator, 33 year-old Avon Lake resident, who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. The female refused to perform any field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. On station, the female operator refused to submit to an Intoxilyzer test to determine her blood alcohol content. She is facing charges in Rocky River Municipal Court.

On October 11, at 3:05am, Bay Village Police were on patrol in the area of Lake Road and Columbia Road when they stopped a vehicle for a moving violation. Police spoke with the male operator, a 21 year-old Painesville resident, who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. The male failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. On station, the male submitted to an Intoxilyzer test which showed a .161 blood alcohol content. The male is facing charges in Rocky River Municipal Court.

On October 12, at 2:36am, Bay Village Police were on patrol in the area of Cahoon Road and West Oakland Rd when they stopped a vehicle for a moving violation. Police spoke with the female operator, a 26 year-old Westlake resident and her two passengers and noticed that the operator appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. The operator failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. On station, the operator refused to submit to an Intoxilyzer test to determine her blood alcohol content. Upon a search of the vehicle, numerous items of

contraband were discovered including marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The female operator is facing charges in Rocky River Municipal Court.

On 10/12/2020 at 3:37pm, The Bay Village Police Department received a call regarding a possible homeless person, laying under a tarp, on a bench by St. Barnabas church. Officers responded and found that it was in fact a statue called "Homeless Jesus."

Had there been a person laying on a bench, our officers are trained first responders and would be able to assess the situation and take the appropriate action. Our officers are able to render first aid in a medical emergency or assist with securing emergency shelter.

Many of our officers are certified in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), which "creates connections between law enforcement, mental health providers, hospital emergency services and individuals with mental illness and their families."

We are pleased with the positive interaction our responding officer had with Fr. Alex Martin, the pastor at St. Barnabas. The City of Bay Village hopes that this will bring attention to homelessness and encourage our community members to help those in need.

The residents of Bay Village are encouraged to contact the Police Department if they see or hear anything unusual. As always, we are here to help.