

P R E S S R E L E A S E

24 MORE ARRESTED IN RECENT CRACKDOWN ON PROSTITUTION

Village of Hempstead Mayor Wayne J. Hall and Police Chief Joseph Wing announced 24 more arrests in a prostitution sting, following the recent round of arrests last week, now totaling 64 arrests. Of the 24 arrested last night, 20 were arrested for solicitation of a prostitute and 4 for prostitution.

“We will continue to crackdown on crimes committed in our area,” said Mayor Hall. “Crime prevention and the safety and security of our residents are top priority for the Village. These additional arrests are a step in the right direction and will certainly send a strong message to other offenders.”

Of the 24 arrested, about half are individuals residing outside the Village. All individuals charged will appear at Hempstead Village Court at a later date.

“At the Village public safety meeting held this past Wednesday, a resident complaint of prostitution in a specific location led to one arrest,” explained Chief Wing. “This is an example of how with community partnership and involvement we can make our Village a safer place. This meeting was part of the numerous measures the Village is taking to put safety first.”

In efforts to continue to reduce crime, the Village recently expanded the police force, adding 17 new Hempstead police officers with plans to add 8 more officers to the force. This expansion to the Village police force is the largest since the 1970’s.

If any unusual activities are suspected, please notify the Hempstead Police at (516) 483-6200 or dial 911 if there appears to be a need for emergency response. Your call will be kept confidential.