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PRESS RELEASE

To: All Media Outlets
From: Captain Dawn Williams

On April 27, 2016 at approximately 2:58 am, The Maplewood Police Department received a report of a black bear walking through yards in the area of Burnett Avenue and Marion Terrace. Maplewood Police Officers responded to the area and subsequently located the bear. Officers monitored the bear as it traveled to the front of 1688 Springfield Avenue (Maplewood Library – Hilton Branch) where it climbed a tree. The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife was notified and responded.

The bear was tranquilized by Wildlife Technicians from the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and with the assistance of Maplewood Police Officers and Firefighters; the bear was caught in a safety net and subsequently removed to be relocated by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

The Maplewood Police Department would like to thank Wildlife Technicians Chuck Sliker and Amy Decheser for their assistance which led to a successful resolution to the incident.