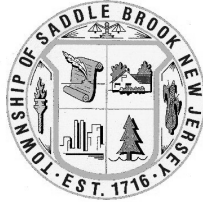


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Saddle Brook Police Warn of Unauthorized Driveway Repair Solicitors

On Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 10am, Saddle Brook Police stopped a 1998 maroon Chevrolet Pick-up C-1500 with New York license plate FLA2860 that was reportedly driving around the north-end residential neighborhoods attempting to solicit driveway repairs. The vehicle was operated by Charles Cooper, age 28, of Trumansburg, NY and a passenger who stated they were driving through the area "looking to make money". Cooper was found to be driving with a suspended driver's license and issued a motor vehicle summons. The passenger, from Freehold, NY, also had a suspended driver's license. Police found basic tools and supplies including bags of driveway asphalt and concluded any work performed would have been substandard. A continuing investigation is pending regarding their solicitation of driveway work without a township permit and without being properly registered as a home improvement contractor with the State of NJ Division of Consumer Affairs.

"Its important for the public to be aware that home improvement contractors are required to be properly registered **annually** with the State of NJ Division of Consumer Affairs. In compliance with the law, private contractors must have valid liability insurance and not possess past practices and behavior indicative of fraud and/or incompetence".....Chief Robert J. Kugler

NOTE: Additional information pertaining to the State of New Jersey's Contractors' Registration Act (NJSA 56:8-136 et seq.) can be found at www.njconsumeraffairs.gov



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