

NEWS FROM DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER

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CALARCO TAKES ACTION ON ILLEGAL MASSAGE PARLORS WORKS WITH SCPD, TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN TO SHUT DOWN BUSINESSES

PATCHOGUE, N.Y. – Today Deputy Presiding Officer Rob Calarco, with the Suffolk County Police Department and the Town of Brookhaven, have announced a major initiative to shut down illegal massage parlors.

Residents started calling Deputy Presiding Officer Calarco’s office last fall, with complaints about “massage parlors” and “foot spas” opening in various strip malls on the Route 112 corridor in Medford and Patchogue. He immediately engaged the Fifth Precinct, as well as the Town of Brookhaven, to investigate the allegations.

“Once these parlors were popping up so quickly, we knew they were probably operating without a license and were probably not innocent operations,” stated Deputy Presiding Officer Rob Calarco. “We started reporting them one at a time, but after noticing that many of them had the same curtains and advertising posters in the windows, we thought they might be connected.”

Eight establishments were cited for multiple violations, including fire and code issues, and four establishments received condemnation notices. Twelve arrests were made for the practicing massage without a license.

“These are often fronts for illegal prostitution rings and our communities will not tolerate it,” stated Calarco. “This is also an example of good government, bringing multiple levels together to solve a problem. A special thank you goes to the Police Department and the Town of Brookhaven for their quick action.”



From left to right: Lieutenant Kevin Kane, 5th Precinct Crime Section, Inspector William Silva, 5th Precinct, Deputy Police Commissioner Timothy Sini, Deputy Presiding Officer Rob Calarco, Town of Brookhaven Councilman Neil Foley.

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