

HUNTINGTON/LLOYD HARBOR

Cops: Teen Is A Major Graffiti Player On LI

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A Commack teen described by police as a “major graffiti player on Long Island” has been accused of tagging properties in Lloyd Harbor and Huntington village.

Kevin Wegner, 19, of Commack, was charged Monday with two counts of second-degree criminal mischief and two counts of making graffiti. The arrests are part of an ongoing investigation by First and Third Precinct Crime Section officers.

The charges in this case, First Precinct Crime Section Sgt. David O’Brien said, are related to buildings in Huntington village Wegner allegedly tagged, as well as a mural he sprayed on a seawall on private property in Lloyd

Harbor. “We suspect him in other incidents throughout Suffolk County. There’s a continuing investigation regarding him,” O’Brien said.



Kevin Wegner

Wegner was also arrested in Brooklyn in December 2011, accused of making graffiti, possessing a graffiti instrument, criminal trespassing and intent to damage property – all misdemeanors – and fourth-degree criminal trespassing, a violation.

Wegner was scheduled to be arraigned in Central Islip on Tuesday.

The investigation is ongoing. Anybody with information can confidentially call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-220-TIPS (8477).

HUNTINGTON

Cancerversary In Swing

Sisters raising money at upcoming events

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Cancer survivors Erin Zammet Ruddy and Melissa Zammet Gonzalez’ 10-week-long “The Man and Woman of the Year” fundraising event is in full swing.

The Huntington graduates’ first event will be at Rexer-Parkes at 35 Gerard Street in Huntington village on April 4. Fifteen percent of sales from 6 to 10 p.m. will be donated to the Melville-based Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. There will also be raffles, cocktails and hor d’oeuvres. Joanina wine shop and restaurant partnered for the event along with Joseph Custom Clothier’s menswear, Illegal Mezcal and Crew Kitchen and Bar. Ruddy said the father of Elizabeth Rexer died of lymphoma a few years ago, prompting the store owner to get involved with the campaign.

Ruddy was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia 10 years ago at 23 years old. A year after Ruddy found out she had cancer, Gonzalez was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma; she was seven months pregnant with her first child. The sisters are both free of cancer today.



Melissa Zammet Gonzalez and Erin Zammet Ruddy’s cancerversary fundraiser continues April 4 at Rexer-Parkes.

To celebrate their “cancerversaries,” as they are calling it, their goal is to raise \$100,000 through May 17. They are accepting donations through their website erinzammettruddy.com.

The sisters’ next local event will be held at Honu at 363 New York Ave. in Huntington village on April 30. For \$125, participants can enjoy an open bar from 7 to 10 p.m. as well as food, dancing and a performance by a 10-man a capella band, Straight No Chaser. There will also be a silent auction.

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