



Lower Township Police Department

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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Lower Township Police Investigate \$22,000 Theft of Fishing Equipment Over Busy Weekend

On Friday, August 7th, at approximately 3:30 pm, Lower Township Police Communications Center received a report of a burglary and theft in the 1200 Block of Wilson Drive in the Erma Section of Lower Township.

The homeowner reported that sometime in between Tuesday, August 4th and Friday, August 7th, unknown person(s) forced entry into a shed on his property and removed approximately 26 fishing rod and reels, along with a harpoon.

The owner estimated the value of the stolen fishing equipment was at least \$22,000.

The incident was just one (1) of 353 Calls For Service that Lower Township Patrol Officers responded to over the weekend, which included:

10 Motor Vehicle Accidents – including an accident involving a boat being towed by an SUV that took out a utility pole and cause a portion of State Highway Route 9 to be closed for several hours creating numerous traffic headaches in the area.

4 Domestic Violence Incidents – one (1) of which included an Aggravated Assault.

7 Disorderly Persons Complaints

6 Thefts

5 Criminal Mischief cases – one (1) of which involved a Lower Township Police Traffic Safety Jeep being spray painted with graffiti.

22 Emergency Medical Calls

7 Local Ordinance Complaints

6 Fire Alarm Calls

Officers also conducted 58 motor vehicle stops over the weekend and arrested two (2) persons for Driving While Intoxicated.

Anyone with information regarding the stolen fishing equipment may contact the Lower Township Police Department's Safe Neighborhood's Tip Line at 886-1619 ext. 156 or Cape



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May County Crimestoppers at 465-2800. Information will remain confidential and may be reported anonymously.

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