



## Lower Township Police Department

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### **Press Release**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ARREST MAN FOR VIOLATION OF A RESTRAINING ORDER, ASSAULT AND ROBBERY**

On Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 8:15 pm, the Lower Township Police Communication Center received a call from a frantic 19 Year old Female in the 100 Block of Spruce Avenue in the Villas Section of the Township stating that her ex-boyfriend just kicked in her front door, trashed her house and assaulted her.

Responding officers found the front door broken and numerous pieces of furniture smashed inside the residence.

The female victim stated that her ex-boyfriend identified as Michael Hart, 19 years old of the 100 Block of Maryland Avenue, Villas, New Jersey, also forcibly choked her and took her cell phone from her before fleeing the residence.

The victim stated and officers confirmed, that there was an active Final Restraining Order barring Hart from having any contact with the victim or coming to her residence.

Patrol Officers on scene reported a large amount of blood inside the residence. The victim advised the officers that Hart had cut his hand while punching out a window pane on the door.

Lower Township Rescue Squad responded to the scene to check on the female victim.

Patrol Officers then conducted an extensive ground search of the immediate area and located Hart on Morris Avenue where he was arrested without incident.

The Lower Township Rescue Squad then treated Hart for lacerations to his hand after he was transported to the Lower Township Police Department for processing.

Michael Hart was then charged with the following offenses and lodged in the Cape May County Jail on \$35,000 total bail:

**Violation of a Final Restraining Order**  
**Assault During A Domestic Violence Incident**  
**Robbery**  
**Criminal Mischief**

The incident was investigated by Patrolman William Barcas and Detective Chris Lambert.

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The arrest was just part of a busy weekend for the Lower Township Police Department which included the following incidents:

- 3 Assaults**
- 5 Domestic Incidents**
- 6 Motor Vehicle Accidents**
- 15 Emergency Medical Calls**
- 6 Fire Alarm Calls**
- 82 Motor Vehicle Stops**
- 40 Property Checks**
- 6 Disorderly Conduct Calls**
- 1 DWI Arrest**

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