



## Lower Township Police Department

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### **Press Release**

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## **MAN CAUGHT BREAKING INTO VEHICLES OUTSIDE A LOCAL BUSINESS**

On Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 7 pm, employees at the American Deli and Pizza Shop, located on Bayshore Road in the Villas Section of Lower Township, observed a 26 year old male, entering cars parked in the deli's parking lot.

Employees observed the man enter two (2) cars and removed a pair of sunglasses from one (1) car. The man also caused damage to one (1) vehicle by tearing the interior light off of the vehicle.

Employees called the Lower Township Police Department to report the break ins and went outside to confront the suspect.

The suspect was attempting to enter a third vehicle in the parking lot when he was approached by the employees who told him to stay where he was and that the police were on their way.

The suspect then charged at the employees, at which time a physical struggle ensued between the suspect and the employees.

The employees were able to tackle the suspect and hold him down on the ground until police officers arrived.

Investigation on scene identified the suspect as Jason Wagner, age 26, of the 100 Block of East Greenwood Avenue in the Villas.

Police Officers charged Wagner with Burglary to a Motor Vehicle. Wagner was placed on a warrant with bail set at \$25,000 cash by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David DeWeese.

The Lower Township Rescue Squad transported Wagner with a police escort, to Cape Regional Medical Center where he was treated for injuries sustained during the struggle with the American Deli employees prior to being lodged in the Cape May County Jail.

The incident was investigated by Patrolman William Barcas.

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