



## Lower Township Police Department

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### **Press Release**

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## **MAN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON POLICE OFFICERS AND RESISTING ARREST FOLLOWING BURGLARY IN PROGRESS**

ON Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> at approximately 11:15pm The Lower Township Police Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call reporting a possible burglary in progress in the 100 block of Fieldview Drive in the North Cape May section of the Township.

**While officer were still enroute to the call the 43 year old female caller advised dispatchers that the suspect was her boyfriend who had just forced his way into her residence by kicking in the front door and may possibly be armed with a knife.**

Officer had been at the same residence approximately one hour earlier after the female reported that she had been involved in a domestic dispute with her boyfriend, **identified as Jackie Thinna Jr. age 26 of the 100 block of Fieldview Drive and that he had smashed the windshield of her car by kicking it.**

Officers could not locate Thinna at that time and the female declined a temporary restraining order.

Cpl. David Fisher and patrol Officer Michael Perry responded to the scene and observed Thinna felling the area on foot.

The officers located Thinna hiding behind a car in a driveway several houses away.

Fearing that Thinna may be armed with a knife he was ordered at gunpoint to come out from behind the car and get down on the ground.

Thinna came out from behind the car but refused repeated commands from the officers to get down.

When the officers attempted to handcuff Thinna he became highly combative throwing kicks and punches at the officers.

The officers were able to take the suspect to the ground which was snow covered at the time, however Thinna continued to physically resist his arrest.

Cpl. David Fisher then discharged his pepper mace at Thinna which caused him to stop resisting long enough to be handcuffed and placed under arrest.



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Investigation on scene determined that Thinna returned to his girlfriend's residence after the first incident and broke out the passenger side window on her vehicle before he kicked in her front door.'

Thinna was processed at the Lower Township Police Department on multiple charges.

The Lower Township Rescue Squad was then called to the Police Department to decontaminate Thinna from the effects of pepper spray and was then transported by the rescue squad to Cape Regional Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries sustained during the altercation with his girlfriend and police officers.

After which Thinna was lodged in the Cape May County Jail on the following charges with bail set by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge David Deweese at \$25,000.00 cash with a no contact order:

- **Two (2) counts of criminal mischief during the course of a domestic incident disorderly person's offense**
- **Two (2) counts of aggravated assault on Police Officers 4<sup>th</sup> degree crimes**
- **Two (2) counts of resisting arrest 4<sup>th</sup> degree crimes**
- **One count of Obstruction of Justice also a 4<sup>th</sup> degree crime**

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