



## Lower Township Police Department

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### **Press Release**

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## **MAN ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING RESTRAINING ORDER**

On Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> at approximately 7:30am The Lower Township Police Communications Center received a call from a female who stated she was calling from New York City.

The female advised dispatch that there was a Final Restraining Order in effect barring her ex-boyfriend, identified as Bernard Ruckhardt age 55 of the Villas, from having any contact with her or coming to her residence on the 100 block of East Atlantic Avenue in the Villas..

The female stated she had just received a phone call from Ruckhardt, and Ruckhardt claimed he had just "Broke into her home".

The communications center confirmed that there was in fact an outstanding Final Restraining Order issued against Ruckhardt and Officers were dispatched to the female's residence to conduct a property check.

Officer Dallas Bohn and Officer Robert Fessler conducted a property check of the residence and found a window to be unlocked. The officers entered the residence and located Ruckhardt in a bedroom.

Ruckhardt was arrested at the residence and then transported to the Lower Township Police Department for processing where he was charged with the following:

**Violation of a Final Restraining Order being a 4<sup>th</sup> degree crime**  
**Criminal Trespass while violating a Final Restraining Order also a 4<sup>th</sup> degree crime**

Ruckhardt was lodged in the Cape May County Jail on \$10,000.00 cash bail set by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge David Deweese with a no contact order for the victim.

Lower Township Police Officers charged Ruckhardt with driving while intoxicated on December 16, 2009 after he drove his vehicle into the side of a residence on East Atlantic Avenue in the Villas.

The residence was so severely damaged that it had to be condemned and torn down.

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