



Lower Township Police Department

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MAN CRITICALLY INJURED IN FULLING MILL ROAD CRASH

On Monday evening, January 4th, at approximately 8:30 pm, the Lower Township Police Communication Center began to receive multiple 9-1-1 cell phone calls reporting a head on motor vehicle accident involving a Honda Civic and a Ford F250 Pick-Up Truck, on Fulling Mill Road approximately one (1) mile east of the intersection of Bayshore Road on Fulling Mill Road.

Police Officers and Rescue Personnel were dispatched to the scene. Once on scene, police officers requested a Jaws assignment as one (1) of the driver's was still trapped in the car.

Firefighters from the Villas and Erma Fire Departments responded to the scene and after cutting the roof off of the Honda Civic, were able to remove the driver from the car.

Investigation on scene determined that Robert Snyder, age 23, of Alexander Avenue in the Villas, was operating a 2002 Honda Civic proceeding westbound on Fulling Mill Road with his two (2) year old son restrained in a child safety car seat in the back seat of the vehicle.

The Honda Civic then entered a curve in the road and crossed the double yellow line traveling into the eastbound lane where it impacted nearly head on with a 2000 Ford F250 Pick-Up Truck.

The operator of the pick-up truck was identified as Kevin Dallin, age 40 of the 3000 Block of Route 9 South in the Rio Grande Section of Middle Township.

The truck was also occupied by Mr. Dallin's 18 year old son, as a front seat passenger.

Both vehicles sustained heavy front end damage and the driver and passenger air bags deployed on both vehicles.

The driver of the Honda Civic was unconscious after impact and the car was smoking when Kevin Dallin removed the two (2) year old male child from the car, for the child's own safety due to the fear of a fire.

Two (2) Air Medivac Helicopters were initially requested to respond to the accident, however one (1) was later cancelled.



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Robert Snyder was treated on scene by the Lower Township Rescue Squad and Paramedics before being transported to the County Airport where he was airlifted to the Atlantic Regional Trauma Center in Atlantic City in very critical condition.

Snyder's two (2) year old son was transported by the Lower Township Rescue Squad to Cape Regional Medical Center for observation.

Both the driver and passenger of the pick-up truck were not injured and declined medical treatment at the scene.

The driver of the pick-up truck advised police officers investigating the accident that the Honda Civic was traveling at a high rate of speed when it crossed into his lane.

The posted speed limit where the accident occurred is 35 miles per hour.

The accident is under investigation by Patrolman Ryan Hansberry, Detective Edward Dougherty and members of the Lower Township Police Department's Major Accident Investigation Unit.

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Detective Lieutenant Thomas Keywood



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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE START NEW YEAR ON BUSY NOTE

The Lower Township Police Department started the New Year on January 1st, at 1:45 am, by responding to a report of a large fight in progress in the parking lot of CJ's Bar & Grill Restaurant in the North Cape May Section of Lower Township.

Police Officers responded and defused the situation with no one wishing to sign complaints.

Then at 2:30 am on January 1st, Officers responded to a fight in progress inside the North Cape May WaWa Store where several display cases were knocked over during the incident. However, officers were able to restore order again with no complaints signed by the store management.

In addition, officers made two (2) arrests for Driving While Intoxicated on January 1st.

From January 1st through January 6th, officers responded to **10** Domestic Violence calls making arrest in **5** of those calls.

Officers responded to **13** Disorderly Conduct Calls, 20 Emergency Medical Calls, **8** Criminal Mischief Calls, **6** Fire Alarm Calls, while responding to **16** Suspicious Persons Calls.

Officers made **60** Motor Vehicle Stops and conducted **174** Property Checks, while investigating **6** Motor Vehicle Accidents including a major head on Motor Vehicle Accident on Fulling Mill Road on January 4th in which a local man was critically injured.

Officers responded to **21** Alarm Calls and assisted other police agencies **15** times during the reporting period.

In all, officers responded to or investigated over **470** different incidents from January 1st through January 6th including the arrest of two (2) individuals for Possession of Marijuana following a motor vehicle stop on January 5th.

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MOTOR VEHICLE STOP LEADS TO SIGNIFICANT DRUG SEIZURE IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

The Lower Township Police Department on January 13, 2010 at approximately 5 pm stopped a motor vehicle on Bayshore Road in the Villas section of Lower Township for an equipment violation. Upon approaching the vehicle the officers immediately smelled the odor of burnt marijuana. Upon further inquiry it was discovered that the passenger had an ecstasy pill in his possession and was placed under arrest.

The arrestee was identified as Romaine Rhett 34 years of age from the 800 block of Oakview Avenue in the city of Millville. Upon being transported to the Lower Township Police Department a search subsequent to his arrest disclosed that Rhett had additional narcotics in his possession specifically six bags of heroin, a bag of marijuana, a small bag of powder cocaine and a large bag of crack cocaine.

Rhett was processed and charged with possession of heroin; possession of marijuana; possession of cocaine; possession with intent to distribute heroin and possession with intent to distribute cocaine. Due to the weight of the cocaine Rhett is charged with a 2nd degree crime that can carry a term of confinement of 5 to 10 years incarceration. Judge David DeWeese set bail at \$25,000.00 and Rhett was lodged in the Cape May County Correctional Center in lieu of bail.

Detective Chis Lambert, Patrolman Dallas Bohn and Detective First Class Mel Hedum investigated the case.



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JOINT PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE LOWER TOWNSHIP MAYORS ADVISORY BOARD

LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE INTRODUCE “COP/STOP PROGRAM”

The Lower Township Police Department in conjunction with Township Mayor and Council are instituting a new community program called the “Cop Stop Program” whereby police officers will be available to interact with residents of the community in a relaxed atmosphere.

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue stated that, “In general the only time the majority of the public has contact with police officers is during a routine traffic stop or police investigation or an emergency.”

Donohue stated he hopes the program will allow residents to get to know our officers by name and increase the lines of communication between citizens and our police officers who are available 365 days a year to serve and protect them.

Chief Donohue stated that the program has the full support of the Mayor and council and the Township’s Mayor Advisory Board, made up of local citizens.

The first “Cop/Stop” will take place at the North Cape May WaWa on January 23, 2010, where Patrolman Michael Perry will be present from 10 am until 12 noon, to answer any questions or comments citizens may have concerning the operations of the police department and literature on various community projects will also be available at that time.

Anyone wishing further information on activities or wanting to offer comments for the Mayor or Council may use the suggestion box by accessing the Township’s website at; www.townshipoflower.org .

Anyone wishing information concerning the Lower Township Police Department, may access the Lower Township Police Department’s web page at; www.lowertownshippolice.com.

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MAN CAUGHT BREAKING INTO VEHICLES OUTSIDE A LOCAL BUSINESS

On Saturday, January 16th, 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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MAN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED ASSAULT FOLLOWING FIGHT IN HOME

On Saturday, January 16th at approximately 11:30 pm, Lower Township Police Communication Center received a 9-1-1 call from a resident in the 200 Block of Fishing Creek Road in the Erma Section of Lower Township.

The caller was reporting a disorderly male subject in the street yelling that he was going to "kill someone" and "burn their house down."

Patrol Officers responded to the area and located a George Tucker, age 52, of Pacific Avenue, Wildwood, New Jersey.

Tucker indicated that he had been yelling at the residence of Timothy Suttera, age 41, of 203 Fishing Creek Road, due to the fact that Suttera had just assaulted him for no reason while Tucker was inside Suttera's residence.

Tucker advised officers that Suttera repeatedly struck him about the face with a closed fist, causing him to fall to the ground after which he was repeatedly kicked by Suttera.

Tucker stated that he was eventually able to crawl out of the residence and into the street.

Patrol officers observed Tucker's face to be severely bruised and swollen with blood around his mouth.

Officers requested Lower Township Rescue Squad respond to the scene due to Tucker's injuries. Tucker was then transported to the Cape Regional Medical Center by Lower Township Rescue Squad, for treatment of his injuries.

Following an investigation into the incident by Patrolman Ed Edwards and Detective Chris Lambert, Timothy Suttera was arrested at his residence after being placed on a warrant for the charge of Aggravated Assault upon George Tucker.

Suttera was processed at the Lower Township Police Department, than lodged in the Cape May County Jail with bail set by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David DeWeese, at \$35,000 cash.

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2009 LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE RELEASE YEARLY REPORT

10 pages attached

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Chief of Police



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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE RELEASE YEARLY REPORT DOCUMENT RISE IN ASSAULTS ON POLICE OFFICERS OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue has released the police department's Yearly Activities Report for 2009.

The Lower Township Police Department responded to and/or investigated a total of **32,030** Calls For Service in 2009.

Chief Donohue noted an increase in the following areas over 2008:

- **Simple Assaults**
- **Domestic Violence Complaints**
- **Domestic Violence with Assaults**
- **Robberies**
- **Burglaries**
- **Drug Possession Arrests**
- **Reported Sexual Offenses**
- **Motor Vehicle Accidents**
- **Residential and Commercial Alarm Calls**
- **Fire Alarm Calls**

The department experienced a decrease in the following areas as well:

- **Theft Complaints**
- **Criminal Mischief Complaints**
- **Disorderly Conduct Complaints**

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Chief Donohue noted a disturbing trend that has been emerging over the last several years and that is the number of Aggravated Assaults on his Police Officers while working in the line of duty.

Donohue noted that in 2006, five **(5)** police officers were physically assaulted in the line of duty. In 2007, nine **(9)** police officers were assaulted. That number rose to **12** in 2008 and last year, **15** Lower Township Police Officers were physically assaulted in the line of duty.

The police department also had an officer involved shooting last year during a Domestic Violence call, where an officer fired one **(1)** round from his duty weapon to stop a subject from striking a woman with a large wooden pole.

Donohue stated, "Fortunately none of my officers were seriously injured in these incidents, however this should be a wake up call for some of our younger Class II Officers to remain diligent while working the streets."

However our veteran officers are well aware of the threats out there having already experienced two of their brother officers being shot in the line of duty. Donohue noted that in his 29 years as a police officer, the responsibilities of law Enforcement have certainly increased along with the risk and threats encountered by police officers on a daily basis across the country, which now include Domestic and Foreign terrorist threats and various armed gangs attempting to spread their influence across the country and state.

2009 MAJOR CRIMES

During 2009, Lower Township Police Officers responded to **446** Domestic Violence Complaints, **85** of which involved assaults with mandatory arrests while handling criminal complaints which included the following offenses:

Reported Rapes	5
Reported Sexual Offenses	26
Robberies	7
Aggravated Assaults	26
(Aggravated Assaults Breakdown)	
Knife or other cutting instrument	4
Other Dangerous Weapon	8
Strong Arm (hands, fists, feet, etc.)	14
Simple Assaults	196
Burglaries –	

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Forcible Entries into homes	71
Unlawful Entries w/no force	96
TOTAL BURGLARIES:	167

Thefts	340
Stolen Motor Vehicles	11
Reported Arsons	08
Aggravated Assault on Police Officers	15

PATROL DIVISION OPERATIONS

Lower Township Officers responded to and investigated **510** Motor Vehicle Accidents on Lower Township roadways while conducting a total of **5,428** Motor Vehicle Stops which resulted in **1,728** traffic summonses being issued, along with **509** traffic warnings issued. Officers also issued **36** Local Ordinance complaints, along with **68** Warnings for Local Ordinance violations.

Total arrest made for the year include; **543** Adult arrests, with **112** Juveniles arrested. In addition, Lower Township Police Officers arrested a total of **80** drivers for Operating a Motor Vehicle while Intoxicated.

Officers assisted the Lower Township Rescue Squad with over **1,487** Emergency Medical Calls and responded to **518** Fire Alarm call outs with the township's three (3) Fire Departments.

Patrol Officers responded to **656** Commercial and Residential Alarms, **814** Disorderly Conduct complaints, **453** Criminal Mischief complaints and along with Animal Control Officers, **483** Animal complaints.

Officers completed **1,385** Investigation Reports and conducted **9,308** Residential and Commercial Property Checks throughout Lower Township during the reporting period.

DETECTIVE DIVISION OPERATIONS

The department conducted a total of **32** Sudden Death investigations in 2009 of which one **(1)** was ruled a suicide, two **(2)** were determined to be drug overdoses, two **(2)** resulted from Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents and the remaining **27** deaths were ruled non-suspicious in nature.

One (1) of the Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents resulted in a charge of Death By Auto.

The Detective Division and Patrol Division conducted numerous Drug/Narcotic investigations in 2009 which resulted in the arrest of **85** subjects for Narcotics violations. During 2009, the department seized and/or confiscated:

428 Packets of Heroin
108 Packets of Crack/Cocaine
87 Packets of Marijuana
824 Illegal Narcotic Pills
56 Pieces of Drug Paraphernalia
(to include pipes, bongos, hypodermic needles, etc.)

The Detective Division executed seven **(7)** Residential Search Warrants and confiscated over **\$34,000** cash monies used in narcotics transactions. The Police Department and the Cape May County Prosecutors Office will receive a certain percentage of these monies based on forfeiture funds regulations.

The department also confiscated one **(1)** pick-up truck used in narcotic activity and has requested forfeiture of same through the Cape May County Prosecutors Office .

Our Detectives assisted DYFS Case Workers with **34** Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations in 2009.

In addition, the Detective Division is responsible for tracking and monitoring the addresses of the **53** known sex offenders currently residing in Lower Township.

FIREARMS PURCHASER IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND PERMITTS FOR REQUESTS TO PURCHASE HANDGUNS –

Following lengthy background investigations, by the Detective Division; Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue issued and/or approved **60** Firearm Purchaser Identification Cards and **206** Permits for request to Purchase Handguns in 2009 with one **(1)** permit being denied and two **(2)** being withdrawn following background investigations.

POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Lower Township Police Department Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by full time Public Safety Telecommunications Operators. They are the initial point of contact for a majority of the public requiring police services. They are an extremely vital component in delivering effective police services to the community and their dedication and importance should not be overlooked. Often times they are required to maintain a reassuring and calming demeanor in the face of extraordinary circumstances in order to assist the caller and police officer responding to an emergency. All of the Public Safety Telecommunication operators are required to receive and maintain certification by the Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services in the Department of Law and Public Safety. Some of the examples of work performed include:

- Receive and respond to telephone requests for emergency services
- In response to medical emergencies, provide First Aid or CPR instructions to stabilize the medical condition of persons until arrival of medical assistance.
- Relay all vital information to responding police officers
- Utilize radio, telephone or other electronic equipment to dispatch specific law enforcement, Fire Department or Medical units to the scene of an emergency.
- Refer non-emergency situations to the appropriate public or private agencies
- Make data entries into the Police Departments computer system as well as various system databases such as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the State Crime Information Center (SCIC),k stolen vehicle file and Missing persons file.

During the year of 2009 Lower Township Police Department Telecommunications Operators processed over **30,000** calls for Service into the computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, while answering a total of **8,134** incoming emergency 911 calls as well.

GOALS ACHIEVED IN 2009

In 2009, the Lower Township Police Department received full Accreditation Status Recognition from the Commission on Accreditation For Law Enforcement Agencies or (CALEA).

The department had to meet 112 strict standards that included updating its Rules & Regulations, General Orders, Special Orders and Training Requirements.

The department underwent a three (3) day assessment by assessors from the New Jersey Police Chiefs Association that included ride alongs with police officers prior to receiving State and National Accreditation Recognition.

The Lower Township Police Department was only the 30th police department in the State of New Jersey to receive such accreditation status and as a result, Lower Township received a discount on its joint insurance fund premiums.

COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS / ACTIVITIES

In cooperation and in conjunction with Mayor Michael Beck, Township Manager, Kathleen McPherson and Council Members, the Lower Township Police Department initiated the following Community Based Police Programs in 2009:

- **Crimereports.com – a web based program whereby local residents can track police calls for services occurring in Lower Township and even get messages on their emails for incidents occurring in their neighborhoods.**
- **Child Find Notification Alert System – a phone notification system whereby residents are alerted to missing children or elderly persons within Lower Township.**
- **Placed into service two new trailer message display boards for use on streets where complaints of speeding are received and to display community notification messages.**

GRANTS/FUNDS RECEIVED

In 2009, the Lower Township Police Department in conjunction with Mrs. Colleen Cripton, Lower Township's Grants Coordinator, requested and received the following grants and/or funds for Special Law Enforcement Activities:

1. Cops In Shops - \$1,600.

Allows Officers to work in an undercover capacity in liquor stores to discourage the purchase of alcoholic beverages by minors.

2. Click It or Ticket - \$4,000.

Allows for extra patrols to enforce seat belt and other motor vehicle violations.

3. Over The Limit/Under Arrest - \$11,000.

Allows for patrols to target motorists for DWI and other violations.

4. BYRNE JAG GRANT - \$31,275.

Federal Grant which will allow the township to purchase a new Dodge Charger Police Vehicle and ammunition for the police department and SWAT Team members.

5. Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund - \$12,900.

Annual fund which also allows for supplemental DWI patrols.

**Total Grant/Fund Money received by the Lower Township Police Department in 2009:
\$60,775.**

NEW LOOK FOR POLICE VEHICLE FLEET

In 2009, the police department began to replace its Ford Crown Victoria's with new black and white Dodge Charger Police Vehicles.

This was a totally new look for Lower Township Police Vehicles. In addition, the emblem on the side of the cars was updated as well to include the Cape May Point State Park Light House which is actually located in Lower Township with the wording, "Serving Ocean To Bay Since 1955."

MADD RECOGNITION AWARD

In 2009 Lower Township Patrol Office Jennifer Anzelone was recognized at an awards ceremony in Princeton New Jersey by the New Jersey chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving for having the most DWI arrests of any municipal police office in Cape May County during 2008.

Officer Anzelone arrested 14 drunk drivers on Lower Township Roadways in 2008.

GOALS FOR 2010

Maintain CALEA Certification status by meeting all established standards and training requirements in preparation for recertification.

Continue to phase in the new Dodge Charger Police Vehicles into the fleet.

Implement new Cop/Stop Program in conjunction with township government and the Mayor Advisory Board whereby residents can periodically visit local establishments and talk one on one with police officers.

Implement new Global Connect Reverse 9-1-1 Phone Notification System in cooperation with the township government and the local office of Emergency Management.

The phone notification system will allow authorities to contact all residents of the township via phone with information regarding special weather statements, power outages, evacuation information if needed, along with information regarding school lock downs, etc.

Continue to apply for grants to assist with extra traffic law enforcement patrols to combat drunk drivers, and impact community issues such as speeding, careless and aggressive drivers.

Upgrade the Detective Division's Crime Scene Investigation Response Vehicle which houses equipment used to process crime scenes including burglaries, robberies, sexual assaults, arsons, and major motor vehicle accidents.

The equipment includes still cameras, video cameras, fingerprint lifting devices, night vision equipment, and lasers for mapping crime scenes and motor vehicle accidents.

CALLS FOR SERVICE COMPARISON 2009 vs. 2008

NOTE: Calls for Service numbers include two (2) categories. Actual 9-1-1 and other phone calls made to the police department for assistance and Officer Initiated Activities.

Therefore the amount of officers actually working the street will have a direct impact on the total number of Officer Initiated activities for the year, such as:

**Motor Vehicle Stops
On View Arrest
DWI Arrest
Community Policing Activities
Property Checks
Etc.**

In 2008, the Lower Township Police Department had a total of 46 sworn officers.

In 2009, the department lost three (3) full time positions that were not replaced. Specifically a patrol officers position, a Sergeant First Class position and a Lieutenant's position.

This brought the total number of sworn officers at the Lower Township Police Department, to 43.

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2009 – Calls For Service

2008– Calls For Service

	Total:
General Complaints and Service Calls	32030
Emergency Medical Calls with L. T. Rescue	1487
Fire Alarm Call Outs (Total)	518
Villas Fire Company	156
Town Bank Fire Company	203
Erma Fire Company	169
Assaults	222
Robbery	7
Domestic Violence Complaints	446
Domestic Violence with Assaults	85
Motor Vehicle Accidents	510
Traffic Warnings	509
Traffic Summons	1728
Motor Vehicle Stops	5428
Local Ordinance Warnings	68
Local Ordinance Complaints	36
Assaults on Police Officers	15
Residential and Commercial Alarm Calls	656
Property Checks	9308
Death Investigations	32
Burglaries	167
Thefts	389
Criminal Mischief Complaints	453
Disorderly Conduct Complaints	814
Animal Control Complaints	483
Adult Arrests	543
Juvenile Arrests	112
D.W.I. Arrests	80
Drug Possession Arrests	85
Investigation Reports Completed	1385
Supplemental Investigation Reports Completed	515

	Total:
General Complaints and Service Calls	39791
Emergency Medical Calls with L. T. Rescue	1609
Fire Alarm Call Outs (Total)	502
Villas Fire Company	127
Town Bank Fire Company	197
Erma Fire Company	178
Assaults	214
Robbery	6
Domestic Violence Complaints	443
Domestic Violence with Assaults	71
Motor Vehicle Accidents	460
Traffic Warnings	1202
Traffic Summons	2461
Motor Vehicle Stops	7810
Local Ordinance Warnings	61
Local Ordinance Complaints	100
Assaults on Police Officers	12
Residential and Commercial Alarm Calls	615
Property Checks	12783
Death Investigations	45
Burglaries	143
Thefts	443
Criminal Mischief Complaints	520
Disorderly Conduct Complaints	838
Animal Control Complaints	1042
Adult Arrests	870
Juvenile Arrests	142
D.W.I. Arrests	115
Drug Possession Arrests	77
Investigation Reports Completed	1418
Supplemental Investigation Reports Completed	553

Lower Township Police Department's 2009 Yearly Activities Report prepared by:

Chief Edward P. Donohue



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MOTOR VEHICLE STOP LEADS TO SIGNIFICANT DRUG AND CASH SEIZURE IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

The Lower Township Police Department on January 26, 2010 at approximately 3 pm stopped a motor vehicle on Bayshore Road in the Villas section of Lower Township. Based upon information received prior to the stop a consent to search was requested of the driver. Upon this search numerous prescription pills and over \$2000.00 in U.S. Currency was discovered on the driver and in the vehicle.

The arrestee was identified as Donald P. Fagen 46 years of age from the 200 block of Arizona Avenue in the Villas section of Lower Township. Upon being transported to the Lower Township Police Department further investigation disclosed that he had recently sold an undisclosed amount of pills for \$1800.00 prior to being stopped.

Fagen was processed and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of marijuana and possession with intent to distribute prescription legend drugs specifically percocet, vicodin and oxycodone. Judge James Birchmeier set bail at \$30,000.00 and Fagen was lodged in the Cape May County Correctional Center in lieu of bail.

Patrolman William Barcas, Detective Chris Lambert, Detective Art Mason and Detective First Class Mel Hedum investigated the case.



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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE IDENTIFY VICTIM OF HOUSE FIRE TWO OFFICERS HOSPITALIZED AFTER RESCUE ATTEMPT

On Wednesday, January 27th, Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue, identified the victim of a house fire in Lower Township which occurred on Tuesday, as Mr. Joseph Sims, age 85, of 434 Breakwater Road in the Erma Section of Lower Township.

Chief Donohue stated that the Police Communication Center received a 9-1-1 call from the victim's wife, Mrs. Marie Sims at approximately 3:40 pm, Tuesday afternoon, indicating that her house was on fire and that her husband was still inside the residence.

The Erma Fire Department was immediately dispatched to the fire location while Lower Township Patrol Officers, William Barcas and Michael Szemcsak responded to the fire arriving within two (2) minutes of the 9-1-1 call.

The officers observed Mrs. Sims standing outside her front door with heavy smoke coming from the front of the residence. The officers reported later, that Mrs. Sims appeared to be in shock. The officers moved Mrs. Sims away from the residence then attempted to enter the front door, but were driven back by flames and heavy smoke.

Officers Barcas and Szemcsak then ran to the back door which was locked. The officers forced entry to the residence by kicking the door open.

Staying low, officers were able to crawl into the kitchen area of the residence despite the intense heat and heavy smoke.

The officers could not locate Mr. Sims and were about to back out of the residence when they observed movement on the ground.

The movement turned out to be the family's pet dog which was still in it's kennel. Patrolman Barcas was able to grab the kennel just as the flames had reached it.

Patrolman Szemcsak was able to grab Patrolman Barcas by the legs and pulled Barcas and the dog out of the residence, at that point there was an overflash of the fire blowing out the front windows of the residence.

Both of the officers and Mrs. Sims suffered from smoke inhalation. They were treated on scene by Lower Township Rescue Squad, then transported by the Lower Township Rescue Squad to Cape Regional Medical Center for further treatment.

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A group of Firefighters from the Erma Fire Department, which is located within one (1) block from the residence, were at the fire house at the time of the call and were able to respond to the fire within minutes. Firefighters then made an aggressive entry into the building and attack on the fire and were able to quickly knock down the fire. Firefighters then located the victim and determined that he was deceased.

Erma Firefighters were assisted by Townbank, Villas, Rio Grande and Cape May Fire Firefighters as well.

Chief Donohue praised the efforts of his Police Officers, along with Firefighters and Rescue Personnel during the rescue attempt adding, "Certainly our thoughts go out to all the family members who have been impacted by this tragedy."

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the Lower Township Police Department including Arson Investigator, Detective Joseph Boyle, The Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and The Cape May County Fire Marshall's Office.

However the fire does not appear to be suspicious in nature at this time.

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Detective Lieutenant Thomas Keywood



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FATALITY CONFIRMED IN LOWER TOWNSHIP ACCIDENT

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue, confirmed on Monday that a two (2) car motor vehicle accident that occurred on Sunday, January 31st, claimed the life of a local North Wildwood woman.

Lower Township Police identified the victim of the accident as Marianne A. Tirimacco, 47 years old of the 200 Block of 17th Street in North Wildwood, New Jersey.

Preliminary investigation of the motor vehicle accident by the Lower Township Police Department's Fatal Accident Investigation Team, has determined that Mrs. Tirimacco was proceeding southbound on Railroad Avenue in the Erma Section of Lower Township at approximately 3:20 pm on Sunday, operating a gray, Pontiac Solstice Convertible when her motor vehicle lost traction due to snow and ice on the roadway. The vehicle then spun out of control into the southbound lane of Railroad Avenue.

The rear portion of her vehicle then impacted with the front of a beige, Chevy Malibu Wagon that was proceeding northbound on Railroad Avenue. The Chevy Malibu was being operated at the time by Carol Dann, age 63 of Villas, New Jersey.

The impact of the collision caused Mrs. Tirimacco's vehicle to spin even further at which point the driver, who police had determined was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected from the vehicle out the passenger's side front window and was subsequently struck by her own vehicle.

The Pontiac Solstice came to rest on the west side of the northbound lane of Railroad Avenue after taking down several rows of mailboxes.

The Chevy Malibu came to rest in the middle of the northbound lane of travel, after which it's driver, Carol Dann, had to be extricated from the vehicle by members of the Erma and Villas Fire Departments, who were called to the scene for a Jaws assignment.

Mrs. Dann was transported to the Cape Regional Medical Center by members of Lower Township Rescue Squad and was later admitted to the hospital for injuries sustained in the accident.

Lower Township Rescue Squad Members administered CPR to Mrs. Tirimacco at the scene and then transported her to Cape Regional Medical Center with CPR in progress. However despite resuscitation efforts at the hospital, Mrs. Tirimacco was later pronounced in the Emergency Room.

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Chief Donohue reported that Lower Township Police Officers responded to a total of nine (9) weather related motor vehicle accidents from Saturday Morning through Sunday Evening.

The Fatal Accident is currently under investigation by Detective Edward Dougherty and CPL. Ernest Macomber, both members of the Lower Township Police Department's Fatal Accident Investigation Team.

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POLICE RESPOND TO DOMESTIC CALL INVOLVING MAN WITH A SWORD

On Sunday January 31st at approximately 11:15pm the Lower Township Police Communications Center received a 911 call from a woman in the 200 block of West Bates Avenue in the Villas section of the township reporting that her boyfriend had just assaulted her and was now threatening her with a large sword.

Responding officers entered the home with their weapons drawn and demanded to see the male's hands when he emerged from a bedroom.

The female advised officers that her boyfriend, Identified as Andrew Hollingsworth age 46, assaulted her by striking her about the face and throwing her several times into furniture.

The female stated when she went to call police her boyfriend produced a large sword removed it from its sheath and threatened her with the sword.

Officers located the sword in the bedroom and observed obvious signs of injuries to the female victim. The Lower Township Rescue Squad was called to the scene to check on the female however she was not transported to the hospital.

When officers advised Hollingsworth that he was under arrest he became extremely violent and belligerent and combative towards the officers and physically resisted his arrest. It took three Lower Township Police Officers to subdue Hollingsworth and bring him to the ground to be handcuffed. Hollingsworth was later transported to Lower Township Police Department for processing where he was charged with the following offenses:

- Simple assault during the course of a Domestic Violence Incident
- Terroristic Threats
- Resisting arrest

He was placed on \$15,000.00 cash bail issued by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge David Dewese and lodged in Cape May County Jail.

The victim requested and received a temporary restraining order as a result of the incident.

The incident was investigated by Ptlm. Matthew Dickinson and Ptlm. C.J. Ryan. Officers assisting at the scene were Ptlm. Mike Majane and Cpl. Kevin Boyle.

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Lower Township Officers respond to multiple Domestics in Lower Township

February 2nd, was a busy day for Domestic Violence Calls in Lower Township.

Lower Township Police Officers responded to seven (7) Domestic Violence calls within hours of each other on Tuesday.

9-1-1 Calls were received for officers to respond to Domestic Violence situations on the following streets:

West Atlantic Avenue, Villas
Broadway Avenue, Villas – 2 calls
Miami Avenue, Villas
Bay Avenue, Villas
Hazelwood Avenue, Villas
Shirley Avenue, Erma

Four (4) Temporary Restraining Orders were issued on February 2nd as a result of the Domestic Violence Calls.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP URGES RESIDENTS TO PREPARE FOR STORM

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue in cooperation with Mayor Mike Beck, and the Lower Township Office of Emergency Management is advising Lower Township residents if they have not done so already, to ensure that they have several days supply of food and water on hand in their homes, as the region prepares for a major winter storm that is forecast to affect Cape May County with heavy snow, high winds and blowing and drifting snow, which could make travel by car nearly impossible during the storm.

The Lower Township Police Department is urging all none essential vehicles to stay off the roadways during the storm.

In the event of a power outage or medical needs effecting residents, if you absolutely must leave your home during the storm, please call the Lower Township Police Department Communications Center at 886-2711 and transportation will be arranged for residents to a designated shelter within Lower Township.

Any essential employees, such as nurses and doctors who may be stranded during the storm and need transportation to their place of employment, may also call the Lower Township Police Department at 886-2711 to arrange for transportation to their emergency facilities.

Residents should have food, water, blankets and batteries for radios and flashlights available before the weather begins to deteriorate. Stay tuned to your local TV/Radio Stations and the National Weather Service for further information regarding Blizzard Conditions that are expected in Cape May County beginning Friday evening through Saturday.

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Chief Edward Donohue
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VILLAS FIRE DEPARTMENT DESIGNATED AS PRIMARY SHELTER IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

The Lower Township Police Department in cooperation with the Lower Township Office of Emergency Management is monitoring a major winter storm that is forecasted to impact our area with rain sleet ice and snow along with high winds Tuesday evening through Wed. evening.

Some parts of lower twp are still with out power due the last storm and we do expect power outages to occur with this storm as well. The Lower Township Office of Emergency Management has designated the Villas Fire Department as Lower Townships Primary Shelter.

If you loose heat or power during the storm and must leave your home please call 886-2711 this number will put you in direct contact with a police dispatcher.

Arrangements will then be made to transport you to Villas Fire Department after which NJ Transit buses will be placed into service to transport you to the County Red Cross operated shelter at the Wildwood Convention Center.

If you wish to be evacuated to a shelter please bring blankets, pillows and any medication you may be taking with you.

Residents should have adequate food, water and batteries on hand before the weather begins to deteriorate.

The Lower Township Police Department reminds you to please check on any elderly residents in your neighborhood before and after the storm

In the event you need police fire or rescue assistance during the storm please call 911.

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Lower Township Police To Mark Annual Memorial Service for Fallen Officer

- **LOCATION OF MEMORIAL SERVICE CHANGED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AT TOWNSHIP HALL**

The Lower Township Police Department will mark the 16th Anniversary of the Line of Duty Death of Officer David C. Douglass Sr. on February 18th.

Officer Douglass was shot and killed on February 18th, 1994 after responding to a suspicious person call in the North Cape May Section of the Township.

Douglass was pursuing a burglary suspect on foot when the suspect turned and shot the Officer. Officer Douglass returned fire, striking the suspect in the hand and was able to make it back to his patrol car to call for assistance, but did not survive the attack.

Following an intensive investigation, Lower Township Police arrested the actor in New York City in April of that year.

A flag raising ceremony will be held in Officer Douglass' honor in front the Townbank Fire House 224 Townbank Road on Thursday, February 18th at 10:30 a.m.

The ceremony will be followed by light refreshments inside the fire hall.

Later that evening at approximately 7:15 P.M., all of the Township's fire sirens will be activated in honor of Officer Douglass who was also an active member of the Townbank Volunteer Fire Department.

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

ON Sunday February 7th 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 4th degree crimes**
- **Two (2) counts of resisting arrest 4th degree crimes**
- **One count of Obstruction of Justice also a 4th degree crime**

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE “COP/STOP PROGRAM” CONTINUES

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MAN ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING RESTRAINING ORDER

On Friday March 5th 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 4th degree crime
Criminal Trespass while violating a Final Restraining Order also a 4th 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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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ARREST COUPLE WANTED IN MULTIPLE STATES FOR CREDIT CARD FRAUD

On Wednesday, 03-17-10 at approximately 5 pm, the Lower Township Police Communication Center received a 9-1-1 call from the manager of the West Marine Store located at the base of the Garden State Parkway in Lower Township.

The store manager identified as Mr. Brad Collen, indicated that he had received a fax from the main office of the West Marine Branch Headquarters alerting all West Marine Stores to be on the look out for a suspicious couple described as a black male and a heavy set Asian female who had purchased items at multiple West Marine Stores in Delaware, New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey, with fraudulent credit cards.

The manager advised police dispatch that he believed the couple was in fact in his store attempting to purchase an expensive Marine Radar Unit with a credit card.

CPL. Kevin Boyle and Patrol Officer Patrick Greene responded to the West Marine Store and questioned the couple who were operating a rented vehicle from Piscataway, New Jersey.

A warrants check was then conducted on both subjects with the male subject identified as Ricardo Petit-homme, age 33 of Brooklyn, New York, coming back a hit or wanted person from the states of Virginia and Minnesota for Credit Card Fraud and Grand Larceny.

The female subject provided the officers with a driver's license from Pennsylvania. Further investigation on scene determined that the driver's license was a counterfeit document containing a fictitious name.

Petit-homme was arrested at the scene for being a Fugitive From Justice and the female was arrested for Providing False Information to a Law Enforcement Officer during the course of an investigation.

Both suspects were transported to the Lower Township Police Department for processing.

Officers then sent the female's fingerprints through the New Jersey State Police Live Scan Fingerprint System, which identified her as Florence Chan, age 38, with the following alias; Florence Tsui and Yuen Tsui.

A warrants check of Chan revealed that she had outstanding arrest warrants issued against her from the states of Georgia, North Carolina and Texas.



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Both subjects were then transported to Cape May County Jail where Ricardo Petit-homme was lodged on two separate body warrants, specifically for being a **Fugitive from Justice from the State of Virginia and being a Fugitive from Justice from the State of Minnesota.**

Florence Chan was lodged in the Cape May County Jail on a \$25,000 bail/warrant set by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David Dewese, specifically for providing **False Information to a Law Enforcement Officer** during the course of an investigation by producing a counterfeit driver's license, being a 3rd degree crime:

Along with 3 counts of Possession of a Fraudulent Credit Cards, being 4th degree crimes.

Chan was also charged as being a **Fugitive of Justice from the State of North Carolina** where she was also wanted in that state for fraudulent credit card violations.

All of the other states involved have notified the Lower Township Police Department that they are willing to extradite both Petit-homme and Chan back to their states to face trial on the outstanding charges.

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue credited the West Marine Store Manager for his alertness in identifying the suspects and his officers quick response to the store in leading to the apprehension of these two career criminals.

The case was investigated by CPL. Kevin Boyle, Patrol Officer Patrick Greene and Detective Art Mason.

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Detective Lieutenant Thomas Keywood



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BURGLARS STRIKES NUMEROUS HOMES IN LOWER TOWNSHIP REMOVING COPPER PIPING

The Lower Township Police Department is investigating numerous burglaries to homes in the township where person(s) entered the crawl spaces of the homes and removed copper piping.

On Saturday March 20th at approximately 6pm Police also received a report of 3 white male suspects removing copper piping from the new CVS Construction Site on Bayshore Road in the Villas.

The suspects removed over \$300.00 worth of equipment including 400 feet of aluminum wire.

The three suspects were seen leaving the area in a black pick-up truck with a blue tarp over the bed.

The thefts were investigated between Thursday and Saturday, March 18th through the 21st.

Copper piping was removed from homes on the following streets;

**Ocean Avenue
Lotus Avenue
Spruce Avenue
Bates Avenue
East Miami Avenue
Rose Lane**

Police are asking anyone with information on these incidents to please contact the Lower Township Police Department's Safe Neighborhoods Tip Line at 609-886-1619, ext. 156 or the Cape May County Crime Stoppers at 609-465-2800.

All information will remain confidential and may be reported anonymously.

The incidents are under investigation by the Lower Township Patrol Division and Detective Division.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE LOOK FOR LEWDNESS SUBJECT

On Friday, March 19th at approximately 4 pm, the Lower Township Police Communication Center received a 9-1-1 call from a female who was walking on the Delaware Bay Beach in the area of Hudson Avenue in the township's Villas Section.

The female advised police dispatch that a male was exposing himself to passing women on the beach as he walked by them.

Patrol Officers responded to the area, but could not locate the suspect.

Suspect is described as a white male, approximately 5'11" to 6' in height with brown curly hair down to his ears. He was last seen wearing dark blue jeans and a dark blue t-shirt.

The suspect reportedly left the area in a maroon vehicle, possibly a 2000 Buick with an unknown registration.

Police are asking anyone with information on this incident to contact the Lower Township Police Department's Safe Neighborhoods Tip Line at 609-886-1619, ext. 156 or the Cape May County Crime Stoppers at 609-465-2800. All information will remain confidential and may be reported anonymously.

Incident is under investigation by Patrol Officer, Michael Perry and the Lower Township Detective Division.

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MENTALLY CHALLENGED VICTIM ASSAULTED DURING ROBBERY

The Lower Township Police Department received a 911 call on April 5th 2010 at 11:45 pm from employees at the WAWA store located on Bayshore Road in the North Cape may Section of Lower Township reporting an injured man.

Upon police arrival it was discovered that the injured individual was a mentally challenged man from Philadelphia PA who had just got off a New Jersey Transit Bus when he was approached by another individual who wanted his money. Upon refusing to give the money he was assaulted with closed fists about his face and head area. Injuries received included redness, swelling and minor bleeding. Lower Township Rescue responded and the victim refused treatment.

Detective Chris Lambert responded and upon speaking with the victim a person of interest was developed and further investigation lead to the apprehension and arrest of Allen L. Evans 42 years of age residing in the 3000 block of Bayshore Road in the North Cape May section of Lower Township.

Evans was transported to the Lower Township Police Department where he was processed and charged. He was charged with Robbery and Aggravated Assault. Judge James Birchmeier set bail at \$25,000.00. Evans was then transferred to the Cape May County Correctional Center in lieu of bail.

Patrolman Brian McEwing, Patrolman Michael Szemcsak, Patrolman William Barcas and Detective Chris Lambert investigated the case. The officers then assisted the victim by giving their own money, so that the victim could purchase a bus ticket back to Philadelphia.



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GUN INVESTIGATION LEADS TO LARGE SEIZURE OF MARIJUANA

The Lower Township Police Department on Monday April 12th 2010 received information in regards to the illegal possession of a handgun in the 3000 block of Bayshore Road in the North Cape May section of Lower Township. Follow-up investigation by detectives from Lower Township and the Cape May County Prosecutors Office lead to a person of interest. Upon inquiry and obtaining a consent to search of the apartment, approximately two pounds of marijuana was discovered in several bags.

The resident of the apartment identified as Brittany Kane 18 years of age of the 3000 block of Bayshore Road was arrested and transported to the Lower Township Police Department. Also found hiding in the residence was a 17-year-old juvenile who was a runaway from Middle Township. The juvenile was also charged and transported to the Lower Township Police Department.

Both suspects were charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Marijuana with the intent to distribute. Judge David DeWeese set bail on Kane at \$15,000.00. She was then transferred to the Cape May County Correctional Center in lieu of bail. The juvenile was turned over to the Division of Youth and Family Services.

Detective Chris Lambert investigated the case with assistance of detectives from the Cape May County Prosecutor's Guns, Gangs and Drugs Taskforce. The investigation into the possession of an illegal handgun is still ongoing at this time.



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MAN WITH MULTIPLE WARRANTS ARRESTED AT THE CHANNEL APARTMENTS COMPLEX

On Monday April 19th at approximately 4pm Lower Township Special Officer Eric Halbruner was investigating a report of an occupied suspicious motor vehicle behind "J" building of the Channel Apartment Complex in North Cape May.

S/O Halbruner was then joined at the scene by Detective Christian Lambert.

Further investigation determined that the driver of the motor vehicle identified as Frank Simuel Jr. age 23 of the Channel Apartments Complex, Had numerous outstanding arrest warrants issued against him from various jurisdictions.

Including: **Cheslihurst, NJ - Lindenwold, NJ - Gloucester Township, NJ.**

Simuel was arrested at the scene and transported to the Lower Township Police Department for processing and was then lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of Bail.

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Capt. Lou Russo



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NUMEROUS MAILBOXES VANDALIZED IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

On Sunday April 18th the Lower Township Police Department received reports of numerous mailboxes that had been vandalized in the Erma section of the Township.

Patrol Officer's took numerous criminal mischief reports regarding mailboxes that had been damaged or completely pushed over between late Saturday evening and early Sunday morning.

Police reported mailboxes vandalized on the following streets:

Towerview Road
Myrna Road
Honeysuckle Road
Wilson Road

Anyone with information regarding these incidents may contact the Lower Township Police Safe Neighborhood Tip Line at 609-886-1619 ext. 156 information will remain confidential and may be reported anonymously.

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MAN CHARGED WITH ROBBERY OF FAMILY DOLLAR STORE IN NORTH CAPE MAY

On Tuesday April 20, 2010 the Lower Township Police Communications Center received a 911 call from the Family Dollar Store in North Cape May reporting a strong arm robbery had just occurred at their store.

The manager of the store reported that a white male approximately 20 years old had entered the store and then concealed multiple items in a bag and on his person.

When the female manager confronted the subject, he became belligerent and assaulted the manager grabbing her by the arms and attempting to throw her to the ground.

The suspect then fled the store on foot after throwing merchandise he had taken at the manager.

The manager sustained visible bruising to her arms and suffered lower back pain and was transported to Cape Regional Medical Center by Lower Township Rescue Squad for treatment of her injuries.

Lower Township Patrol Officers conducted an extensive search of the area and Lower Township Patrol Officer Brian McEwing then located the suspect identified as John T. Matthews age 20 of the 100 block of Harmony Road in North Cape May in the vicinity of the Channel Apartments Complex.

A search of the area by patrol officers also recovered additional stolen merchandise from the store including two cell phones.

Several customers in the store at the time witnessed the robbery and assault of the manager.

Matthews was arrested at the scene and transported to Lower Township Police Department for processing where he was charged with a second degree count of robbery and one count of theft of movable property. He was placed on a warrant with bail set at \$20,000.00 full cash.

A computer check of Matthews also revealed that he was wanted on an outstanding warrant for Contempt of Court issued out of the Municipal Court of Wildwood NJ.

Matthews was subsequently lodged in the Cape May County Jail on default of bail.

The incident was investigated by Lower Township Patrol Officers Donald Vanaman and Brian McEwing.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ARREST TWO IN COPPER BURGLARY SPREE

Following a lengthy investigation that involved multiple law enforcement agencies the Lower Township Police Department has charged two individuals suspected in over (20) twenty counts of burglary and theft who were involved in a copper piping burglary ring.

During the month of February 2010 the Lower Township Police Department began receiving reports of copper piping being removed from the crawl spaces of homes throughout Lower Township.

The majority of the homes where the thefts occurred were unoccupied summer residences. The Lower Township Police Department has taken reports on nearly (30) thirty such thefts in the last few months.

Chief Edward Donohue reported that Detective Chris Lambert was the lead investigator on the case.

Detective Lambert visited numerous scrap metal dealerships throughout the area and was able to develop suspects in the case based on receipts from Raffe's Recycling located in Cape May Court House NJ.

The investigation determined that the same person had sold #2 copper piping to Raffe's Recycling on multiple dates and received a total of approximately \$1,200.00 for the stolen copper piping.

Further investigation then led to arrest warrants being issued for two individuals being identified as:

- 1 Frederick Hamilton, age 45 of the 200 block of East Hudson Avenue Villas NJ**
- 2 Donovan Smith, age 26 of the 700 block of Indian Avenue in North Cape May NJ**
Both individuals reside in Lower Township.

Upon learning of the arrest warrants Frederick Hamilton fled the area.

However, Donovan Smith surrendered himself to the Lower Township Police and was arrested on April 14th and charged with (19) nineteen counts of burglary and theft. Municipal Court Judge James Birchmeyer then set Smith's bail at \$50,000.00.

Smith was subsequently lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of bail.

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Detective Lambert then received information that Frederick Hamilton had fled to an area of the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania.

Detective Lambert was then in touch with the East Stroudsburg Police Department in Pennsylvania who had several residences under surveillance in an attempt to apprehend Hamilton.

After several days, information was received that Hamilton had left Pennsylvania possibly for a residence in Somers Point NJ.

Lower Township Detectives along with Somers Point Police Officers then visited several locations in Somers Point in attempt to locate Hamilton.

Then on April 20th while conducting surveillance of a residence, Somers Point Police Officers located and arrested Frederick Hamilton on the Lower Township arrest warrants.

Hamilton was then transported from Somers Point to the Lower Township Police Department for processing and charged with (19) nineteen counts of burglary and theft. Lower Township Municipal Court Judge David Dewese set Hamilton's Bail at \$50,000.00 full cash, Hamilton was then lodged in the Cape May County Jail on default of bail.

Lower Township Police Chief Edward Donohue credited his Police Officers and Detective Division for their work on this case specifically citing Detective Chris Lambert's efforts in developing suspects in the case and following up on leads which led to the successful apprehension and arrest of Hamilton and Smith.

Chief Donohue also thanked the East Stroudsburg PA Police Department and Somers Point NJ Police Department for their assistance in the investigation.

The Lower Township Police Department is continuing its investigation into additional residences which may have been entered and believe more thefts may be reported as summer residents return to their homes in Lower Township.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ARREST OUT OF CONTROL JUVENILE

On Thursday, April 29th, at approximately 1 am, Lower Township Police Communication's Center received a 9-1-1 call from a resident in the 900 Block of Lenape Drive in the Erma Section of the township.

The call reported that a 17 year old male at the residence was out of control and fighting everyone in the residence and had injured two people, possibly breaking someone's ankle.

Lower Township Patrol Officers responded to the scene along with the Lower Township Rescue Squad. Several people refused medical treatment from the Rescue Squad at that time, but later went to the hospital on their own.

The 17 year old male actor in the incident was arrested, transported to the Lower Township Police Department for processing, where he was charged with one count of Aggravated Assault and was later released to a relative.

The incident was investigated by CPL. Kevin Boyle.

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SEARCH WARRANT ON VEHICLE LEADS TO DRUG SEIZURE IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

On Wednesday, April 28th, following a lengthy drug investigation, Lower Township Patrol Officers and Detectives conducted a motor vehicle stop on a green, 1998, Saturn, on Seashore Road in the Erma Section of Lower Township.

The driver of the motor vehicle is identified as a Timothy Demusz, age 39, of the 100 Block of Jennifer Lane, was observed talking on his cell phone and not wearing a seat belt prior to the motor vehicle stop.

As officers approached the motor vehicle, the front seat passenger and owner of the motor vehicle identified as Mark Schmolze, age 29 of the 100 Block of Fire Lane in North Cape May, made several quick movements with his hands while seated in the motor vehicle.

Schmolze refused a request for Consent To Search of his motor vehicle from DFC Mel Hedum.

However, the driver of the motor vehicle voluntarily turned over an empty bag of Heroin to detectives.

At this time Lower Township Detectives requested a Drug Detection Dog from the Cape May County Sheriff's Department to respond to the scene.

Cape May County Sheriff's Officer, Eric Teasentz and his K9 partner, "Cyras," responded to the scene where the Drug Dog gave a positive reaction that there may be narcotics secreted within the motor vehicle.

Lower Township Detectives were then in touch with the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and also prepared a Search Warrant for the motor vehicle.

Search Warrant was authorized by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David Deweese. Both Demusz and Schmolze were released from the scene while the vehicle was towed to the Lower Township Police Department.

Search Warrant was executed on the vehicle at the Lower Township Police Department where detectives located two bundles of Heroin within the vehicle or approximately 21 bags/hits of Heroin.

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Arrest Warrants were then issued for both Schmolze and Demusz charging them with possession of Heroin and Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin, a controlled dangerous substance.

Mark Schmolze was later located and arrested by Lower Township Detectives. Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David DeWeese, set bail at \$25,000, full cash.

Schmolze was subsequently lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of bail.

The arrest warrant and motor vehicle charges are pending against Timothy Demusz.

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MAN ARRESTED IN ROBBERY OF LOWER TOWNSHIP RITE AID

On Saturday, 05-01-10, at approximately 1:15 pm, Lower Township Police Communication Center received a 9-1-1 call from the Rite Aid Pharmacy located at Bayshore and Breakwater Roads in the North Cape May Section of the township.

The manager of the store reported that the pharmacy had just been robbed by a white male in his 40's wearing a gray hooded sweat shirt with a white painter's hat.

The manager reported that the subject approached the cash register with his hand in his sweat shirt pocket, pointed his hand at the manager as if he was holding a firearm and demanded money.

Suspect fled the store with cash that was provided to him by the manager.

Lower Township Patrol Officers immediately responded to the area after being given a description of the suspect.

Patrol Officer, Shaun Whittington arrested the suspect at gun point after observing him walking in the area.

The suspect was identified as Michael E. Haymes, age 45, of the 200 Block of Fishing Creek Road in Lower Township.

No weapon was found on Haymes during his arrest.

He was transported to Lower Township Police Department and charged with one (1) count of Robbery. Bail was set at \$50,000 cash, by Municipal Court Judge, George Neidig. Haymes was subsequently lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of bail.

The incident is under investigation by Patrolman Shaun Whittington and the Lower Township Detective Division.

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SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO BE CONDUCTED LOCALLY AS PART OF NATIONWIDE *CLICK IT or TICKET* MOBILIZATION May 24 – June 6, 2010

Lower Township ---Law enforcement officers from the Lower Township Police Department, will be cracking down on unbuckled motorists and their passengers as part of the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

Beginning May 24th, and running through June 6th, the annual initiative includes high visibility law enforcement seat belt checkpoints and saturation patrols, as well as local and national publicity designed to ensure that drivers and passengers recognize the life saving value of seat belts.

"Using a seat belt is the simplest way for a motorist and his or her passengers to protect themselves when on the road," said Pam Fischer, Director of the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. "Motor vehicle occupants who buckle-up are between 45 and 75 percent less likely to face life threatening injuries in a car crash."

Last year, the front seat belt rate in New Jersey rose for the 13th consecutive year to 92.67%. Fischer noted that while front seat belt usage rates continue to increase in New Jersey, law enforcement and safety officials will not rest until the state achieves 100 percent compliance rate.

"New Jersey has one of the strongest front seat belt usage rates in the nation, but our work isn't done," Fischer said. "To meet our goal, we must continue to focus on enforcement and public outreach efforts to educate motorists and their passengers about the critical importance of buckling up, every ride."

Fischer added that for the first time, the campaign will focus on rear seat passengers as well. New legislation requiring adult rear seat passengers to buckle up became law earlier this year. Currently, adult back seat belt use stands at 32 percent.

During the 2009 Click It or Ticket campaign, 443 police agencies participated in the two-week initiative. As a result of the effort, law enforcement officers issued 41,442 seat belt citations, 6,833 speeding summonses and made 866 drink driving arrests.



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LOWER'S CHIEF RECOGNIZED AT MILITARY LUNCHEON

On Thursday, May 13th, Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue was recognized by the Department of Defense, specifically **The National Committee For Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.**

Chief Donohue was recognized for support of Police Officers under his command who also serve with National Guard and Reserve Units.

Donohue was recognized along with other employers from across Southern New Jersey, at a luncheon held at the Air National Guard's 177th Fighter Wing Base at the Atlantic City International Airport.

Lower Township Police Officer, Donald Vanaman, a Chief Warrant Officer in the Army Reserve who was deployed to Iraq for over a year while employed with the Lower Township Police Department, nominated Chief Donohue for the event, known as the "Employer Patriot Award."

The award recognizes employers of Guard and Reserve personnel who provide exceptional support to their employees and families while their members are deployed overseas.

Chief Donohue stated, "As the father of two sons who face military deployments, I know the type of stress our military men, women and families face during the deployments."

Donohue praised Officer Vanaman's accomplishments while deployed in Iraq, noting that Vanaman had received the "Bronze Star" while assigned to a Military Intelligence Unit.

Chief Donohue also noted that Lower Township Patrol Officer, CJ Ryan, a Tech Sergeant with the Air National Guard's 177th Fighter Wing, was currently deployed overseas at this time.

The award was presented by Brigadier General Jeffrey Pierson - Ret., Major Paul Dondero – Ret. and Colonel Robert Bolton, Commander of the 177th Fighter Wing group.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE CONFIRM IDENTITY OF WATER RESCUE VICTIM

Lower Township Police have confirmed the identity of a man found in the water at the Harbor View Marina off Ocean Drive in Lower Township as, Mr. Robert Schumann, age 76 years old, of Stimpsons Lane in Lower Township.

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue stated that Troopers from the New Jersey State Police Marine Law Enforcement Bureau are heading up the investigation of the incident.

However, initial reports indicate that Mr. Schumann had returned from a Drum fishing trip with his grandson and had just finished filleting some of the fish at the Harbor View Marina.

At approximately 11 pm on Monday evening, May 17th, Mr. Schumann walked to the end of a dock to throw the fish carcasses into the water, when he was noticed missing approximately 10 minutes later.

Lower Township Police, Fire and Rescue Units responded to the area where a command post was set up and a Water Rescue Search was initiated.

Diver's from the Township Bank Fire Department were about to enter the water when a vessel from the Coast Guard's Small Boat Station, located the victim floating in the water within the marina complex.

The victim was brought to the dock where the Lower Township Rescue Squad performed resuscitative efforts and CPR on the victim, however Mr. Schumann was later pronounced via telemetry by paramedics, while enroute to Cape Regional Medical Center.

The Lower Township Police Department is referring all further request fro information regarding the incident to Trooper Craczk, of the Atlantic City Marine Law Enforcement Barricks.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE “COP/STOP PROGRAM” CONTINUES

This month’s “Cop/Stop” will take place at the North Cape May WaWa on Bayshore road, Saturday, May 22, 2010, where Patrolman Donald Vanaman will be present from 10 am until 12 noon, to answer any questions or comments citizens may have concerning the operations of the police department and literature on various community projects will also be available at that time.

The “Cop Stop Program” is a setting where Police Officers are available to interact with residents of the community in a relaxed atmosphere.

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MAN ARRESTED FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT FOLLOWING A FIGHT CALL

On Saturday, May 15th, at approximately 8:30 pm, Lower Township Police Communications Center received multiple 9-1-1 calls from residents in the 500 block of Wayne Avenue in the township's North Cape May Section.

The callers were reporting a large disturbance involving five (5) or six (6) subjects fighting in a front yard.

Lower Township Officers responded to the area and spoke with a female victim who advised officers that her boyfriend had punched a hole in her bedroom door and broke the bedroom door off the hinges.

The female stated that when her brother tried to intervene, her boyfriend, identified as Paul Cornwell, age 48, physically assaulted her brother, Louis J. Ambrose by punching him about the face.

Officers located Ambrose who was bleeding and had a swollen left eye.

Police then called the Lower Township Rescue Squad to the scene.

Paul Cornwell was arrested at the scene and transported to the Lower Township Police Department for processing where he was charged on a warrant with one (1) count of Aggravated Assault and one (1) count of Criminal Mischief.

Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David Deweese set Cornwell's bail at \$15,000 cash. Cornwell was subsequently lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of bail.

The investigating officer in this incident was Patrol Officer Jennifer Anzelone.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE RECOVER STOLEN JEWELRY AND ARREST LOCAL WOMAN

On May 20, 2010 the Lower Township Police Department while following-up on a report of a burglary and theft that occurred on May 15th 2010 in the 200 Block of Frances Avenue in the Villas Section of Lower Township recovered several pieces of jewelry at a local jewelry store.

The victim came to the jewelry store with detectives and positively identified the stolen items that someone had taken from her home.

The items taken were several pieces of gold and silver jewelry. Most of the items taken were recovered and additional follow-ups with other jewelry stores is continuing.

On May 20th, following an investigation by the Lower Township Detective Division, Lower Township Detectives arrested Cori L. Harron, age 21 of the 100 Block of Ridgewood Avenue in Lower Township and charged her with possession of stolen property. Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David Dewese, set bail at \$15,000 10%.

Harron was processed at the Lower Township Police Department and later transferred to the Cape May County Correctional Center in lieu of bail.

Lower Township Detectives recovered the majority of the stolen jewelry from Adele's Treasures Jewelry Store in Lower Township.

The Lower Township Detective Division conducted the investigation.



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VEHICLE CHECK LEADS TO DRUG ARRESTS

On Wednesday evening, May 19th at approximately 10:05 pm, Lower Township Patrol Officer, Robert Fessler, was conducting a property check at the David C. Douglass Memorial Park or West End Jetty in North Cape May, prior to closing the park.

Officer Fessler then approached the only vehicle in the parking lot, a Honda Civic, to advise the occupants that as per Local Ordinance the park would be closing at 10:30 pm.

When the driver of the motor vehicle, identified as Ryan Simcox, age 21 of the 200 Block of Holly Avenue in Rio Grande, rolled down the window to speak with the officer, the officer observed a large amount of smoke that smelled of burnt marijuana, coming from the motor vehicle.

Officer Fessler then had the occupants of the car exit the vehicle.

At this time, the Officer observed a glass pipe and a clear plastic baggie containing green vegetation in the center console of the motor vehicle.

At this time Simcox and his front seat passenger, identified as Christian Myers, age 22 of 14 Rutledge Avenue in Del Haven, were arrested for Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance and Being Under The Influence of a Controlled Dangerous Substance.

The two men were transported to Lower Township Police Department for processing where Ryan Simcox was charged with:

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Possession of Marijuana, under 50 gms.

Being Under The Influence of a Controlled Dangerous Substance

All three charges being disorderly person offenses.

Simcox was also issued a Motor Vehicle Summons for having a Controlled Dangerous Substance in his motor vehicle.

Myers was charged with:

Being Under the Influence of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, also a Disorderly Persons Offense.



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Both men were then released on a complaint summons with a court date.

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MOTOR VEHICLE STOP LEADS TO ARREST FOR COPPER PIPING THEFTS FROM COMMERCIAL PLUMBERS

On May 13 2010 at 2:39 am the Lower Township Patrol Officers stopped a motor vehicle that had numerous lengths of copper pipe protruding from the vehicle.

The driver identified as Edward A. Williams, 32 years of age of the 100 block of Tomlin Avenue in the Villas section of Lower Township also had an outstanding warrant for contempt of court out of Middle Township. Williams was placed under arrest for the warrant and lodged in the Cape May County Correctional center.

During follow-up investigations Lower Township Detectives located multiple incidents of copper piping being stolen from local plumbers in Lower Township and West Cape May.

Detectives and patrol personnel were able to confirm that the copper in Williams's possession had been taken from five local plumbers with a value in excess of \$2,000.00. Additional follow-up by Cape May Police lead to identifying a copper theft in their jurisdiction involving Williams.

Williams is currently being held at the Cape May County Correctional Center on multiple charges of theft with bail being set by Judge Birchmeier JMC at \$50,000.

Anyone with information regarding the theft of large lengths of new copper piping which has not been identified, may contact the Lower Township Police Department Safe Neighborhoods Tip Line at 886-1619 ext. 156 or Cape May County Crime Stoppers at 465-2800.



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NOTICE TO ALL MOTORISTS BAYSHORE ROAD BLOCK PARTY AND GREEN FAIR SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010 – 9 am to 4 pm RAIN DATE: JUNE 6, 2010

On Saturday, June 5th, from 9 am to 4 pm, Lower Township will be hosting its first Annual Bayshore Road Block Party and Green Fair.

The event that will run from 9 am to 4 pm; all motorists should be aware that Bayshore Road will be closed to traffic between Village and Tennessee Avenue from 6:30 am until 6:30 pm.

There will be detours set up around the event that day. All traffic heading northbound on Bayshore Road will be detoured onto States, to Carolina Avenue. All traffic heading southbound will be detoured onto Woodland, to Rutgers, down to Wildwood Avenue.

Please make all necessary adjustments for this event. Lower Township would like to thank you for your cooperation in making this event safe and successful.

If anyone should have any traffic questions concerning the Block Party/Green Fair, please feel free to contact Lieutenant William Mastriana at 886-1619 ext. 125.

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BOAT FIRE AT LOWER TOWNSHIP MARINA

On Thursday evening, 05-27-10, at approximately 10:20 pm, the Lower Township Police Communications Center received a call from the Wildwood Crest Police Department advising that Wildwood Crest had received a call reporting a boat fire at the Lighthouse Pointe Marina located in the Shawcrest Section of Lower Township in the area of the George Redding Bridge.

Lower Township Police, Fire and Rescue Units responded to the call.

Upon arrival, the Erma Fire Chief reported a working boat fire in the water at the Marina's "D" Dock.

The firefighters, who fought the boat fire during the height of a thunderstorm that was hitting the area at the time, were able to lay several hose lines down the dock to the area of the boat.

Erma Firefighters were able to untie another boat in the area that was endanger of also catching fire and pull it to a safe location.

The New Jersey State Police Marine Law Enforcement Bureau and a Firefighting Boat from the Cape May Coast Guards Small Boat Station, were also called to the scene.

Firefighters were able to knock the fire down in approximately 20 minutes.

The vessel is described as a 30 foot, 1976 Chris Craft, named the Q-Tee. It was later towed by Tow US Salvage, to the Shawcrest Marina.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the New Jersey State Police Marine Law Enforcement Bureau and the Cape May County Fire Marshall's Office.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ARREST MAN FOUND HIDING IN WOMAN'S CLOSET

On Friday, 05-28-10 at approximately 5:50 am, the Lower Township Police Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call from a female in the 100 Block of Old Mill Drive in the Township's North Cape May Section.

The female was reporting a male intruder inside her residence.

Lower Township Patrol Officers responded to the call and found that the intruder was being detained outside of the residence, upon their arrival, by the female's father, who she had also called about the incident prior to calling the police.

The female identified the male intruder as her ex-boyfriend, David J. Fletcher, age 47.

The female victim advised police officers that she had a restraining order issued against Fletcher from last March, barring him from having any contact with her or from being at her residence.

The victim stated that sometime after 5 am, she heard movement inside her bedroom closet and began screaming. At that point Fletcher emerged from the closet and a brief struggle ensued between the two parties.

The female was able to activate an alarm call to her father's residence, who responded immediately and was able to detain Fletcher prior to police arrival.

Police Officers confirmed that there was in fact an active restraining order issued against Fletcher.

He was then arrested at the scene and transported to the Lower Township Police Department for processing where he was charged with one (1) count of Burglary to a residence and Violation of a Temporary Restraining Order.

Fletcher was lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of a \$2,500 bail set by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David DeWeese.

The incident was investigated by CPL. Kevin Boyle and Patrol Officer Matthew Dickinson.

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DROWNING VICTIM RECOVERED IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

On June 1st, at approximately 7:20 am, the Lower Township Police Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call regarding a missing fisherman in the area of the Lepor Pits Fresh Water Ponds, located off of Cresse Lane in the township's Erma Section.

Patrol Officers responded to the area and spoke with a fisherman who stated that he had talked with an elderly male who was fishing at the pond earlier in the morning and that now he could not locate the man. However, some of the man's fishing equipment was now floating on the water near the spot where the man had been fishing.

The Lower Township Police Department then immediately requested the assistance of the Town Bank Fire Department's Dive Team and the Middle Township Police Department's Dive Team along with a Coast Guard Helicopter search of the area.

In the mean time, Lower Township Patrol Officers conducted a foot search of the vast fresh water ponds in the area.

At approximately 8:08 am, members of the Town Bank Fire Department's Search and Rescue Dive Team located the missing man in approximately 12 feet of water.

The victim has been identified as Peter C. Mosero, age 70, of the 100 block of Widgeon Way in the North Cape May Section of the township. Mr. Mosero was a retired Lieutenant from the Philadelphia Fire Department.

Personnel from the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and the Medical Examiner's Office also responded to the scene where the victim was pronounced dead.

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue stated at this time the incident does not appear to be suspicious in nature.

"The area of the pond where Mr. Mosero was fishing drops off quickly. We believe Mr. Mosero waded into deep water, became submerged and unfortunately was unable to return to shore, however the incident is still being investigated and certainly our thoughts go out to Mr. Mosero's family at this time."

The incident is under investigation by CPL. Kevin Boyle, Patrol Officer Matthew Dickinson and the Lower Township Detective Division in cooperation with the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and the Medical Examiner's Office.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ISSUES SUMMONSES IN PIT BULL ATTACK

On Sunday, 05-31-10, the Lower Township Police Communication Center received a 9-1-1 call from the Wagging Tail Pet Shop located on Route 9 in the township's Erma Section.

The caller was reporting that the owner of the pet shop had been attacked by a Pit Bull dog in the back yard of the shop.

Lower Township Patrol Officers and the Lower Township Rescue Squad responded to the pet shop and advised that the owner of the store, a Patsy Nelson, had received very serious bite wounds to her arm and hip.

Police identified the owner of the three (3) year old male, Pit Bull, which was involved in the attack, as Donald Titus, age 26, who resides in an upstairs apartment at the pet shop.

Investigation on scene determined that Titus was helping to build a dog run in the back yard of the property when the attack occurred.

Nelson was transported to Cape Regional Medical Center by the Lower Township Rescue Squad for treatment of her injuries.

Lower Township Animal Control Officer, Donald Montgomery, issued local ordinance summonses to Titus for:

- 1. Failure to License his dog with the Township.**
- 2. Owner's dog causing serious injury to another person.**
- 3. Potentially Dangerous Dog summons.**

In the mean time the Pitt Bull was transported to the Cape May County Animal Shelter by Lower Township Animal Control Officers and must be quarantined for at least ten (10) days under the Potentially Dangerous Dog statute.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT BUSY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Lower Township Police Officers handled over **540** Calls For Service during the Memorial Day Weekend.

Some of the more serious calls included:

- 14 Disorderly Conduct Calls**
- 13 Domestic Violence Calls**
- 16 Emergency Medical Calls**
- 15 Local Ordinance Complaints**
- 07 Motor Vehicle Accident Investigations**
- 114 Motor Vehicle Stops, with 92 Motor Vehicle Summonses issued**
- 07 Theft Investigations**
- 12 Suspicious Person Calls**
- 05 Criminal Mischief Calls**
- 04 Harassment Complaints**
- 12 Alarm Calls**
- 08 Assist Other Agencies**
- 07 Animal Complaints**
- 02 Driving While Intoxicated Arrests**
- 04 Warrant Arrests**
- 02 Missing Person Calls**

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE MAKE JUNE CELL PHONE ENFORCEMENT/AWARENESS MONTH

The Lower Township Police Department has announced that officers will be paying particular attention to motorists operating motor vehicles while talking or texting on their cell phones, during the month of June.

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue noted that along with complaints of speeders on certain streets, that the township routinely receives, the police department has also been receiving complaints of increased use of cell phones by motorists.

The Police Department chose the month of June to bring attention to cell phone use by motorist, due to the fact that our schools will soon be out for the summer and the roads will be filled with more pedestrians, bicyclist and moped riders, along with the increased volume of traffic that occurs during our summer season.

Donohue said, "Our intent is not to deluge our residents and visitors with summonses, but rather to draw public attention to the fact that operating a motor vehicle while talking or texting on the cell phone in New Jersey is a violation of our motor vehicle laws and is also extremely dangerous."

"We want to send a clear message that if you are operating a motor vehicle in Lower Township while talking or texting on a cell phone, you will have a good chance of being stopped for that violation."

Donohue would agree that more motorists are utilizing cell phones while operating motor vehicles.

"From my own personal experience while out jogging on our roadways, sometimes every 4th or 5th vehicle that passes me will have a driver talking on their cell phones."

The Chief noted that police officers while on duty are exempt from the cell phone statute, though officers are encouraged to pull off to the side of the road if they anticipate having a lengthy conversation with police dispatch, on their cell phones.

The Cell Phone Statute; 39:4-97.3 states, the use of a wireless telephone or electronic communication device by an operator of a moving motor vehicle on a public road or highway, shall be unlawful except when the telephone is a hands free wireless telephone.



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The operator of a motor vehicle may use a hand held wireless telephone while driving with one hand on the steering wheel only if:

1. The Operator has reason to fear for his life or safety or believes that a criminal act may be perpetrated against himself or another person or;

2. The operator is using the telephone to report to the appropriate authorities, a fire, a traffic accident, a serious road hazard or a medical emergency or to report the operator of another motor vehicle who is driving in a reckless, careless or otherwise unsafe manner or who appears to be driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Use of a wireless telephone or electronic communication device shall include, but not be limited to:

Talking or listening to another person on the telephone.

Text messaging or sending an electronic message via the wireless telephone.

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BUILDING COLLAPSES IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

On Tuesday, 06-08-10, at approximately 7 am, Lower Township Officials were notified of a building collapse at 1280 Wilson Road in the Township's Schellinger's Landing Section.

Building is described as an old large, wooden boat house located just west of the Dolphin and Whale Watch Center on the border with Cape May City.

Old pilings supporting the structure gave way and a portion of the building collapsed into the back bay waterway and several small pieces of the building broke off and were floating in the channel behind the building.

The Lower Township Police Department, the United States Coast Guard and local and county OEM Officials responded to the scene, along with the Lower Township Construction Office Inspector, Gary Playford.

The building was unoccupied at the time and Lower Township Police report that all utilities to the building including electric and water, had been shut off for some time.

Coast Guard Officials determined that the building was not a hazard to navigation and Lower Township Construction Officials reported that the structure would most likely have to be torn down.

Lower Township Police reported that the building was sold approximately two weeks ago to a new owner who had planned to demolish the building in the near future.

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Chief of Police



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Hazardous Material Incident Reported at Lower Township Department of Public Works

On Thursday June 10, 2010 at approximately 9:10am the Lower Township Police Department Received a report of a possible fire in a trash truck at the Lower Township DPW, located on Seashore Road in the Townships Erma section.

Investigation on scene determined that DPW workers observed white smoke coming from the back of a trash truck. Believing the contents of the truck may be on fire some of the trash from inside of the truck was dumped in the parking lot in order to extinguish the fire.

At that time several DPW workers reported feeling light headed as a result of breathing in the fumes that were coming from the truck.

Lower Township Police, Fire and Rescue units responded to the area and requested the assistance of the County Office of Emergency Management and the Counties Hazardous Material CBRN Unit.

Officials determined that discarded paint may have mixed with another chemical agent inside of the truck causing a chemical reaction releasing fumes.

Four DPW workers were evaluated on scene by the Lower Township Rescue, but did not require transportation to the hospital.

The Erma Fire Department stood by while the chemical was neutralized.

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Lieutenant



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Man Charged with Stalking in Lower Township

On Thursday June 10, 2010, Lower Township Police Officers arrested Joseph Boyle, age 65 of the 300 Block of Arizona Avenue, in the Villas and charged him with a 4th degree charge of Stalking.

The arrest came after Police had received numerous complaints from a 52 year old female resident of the Villas reporting that Joseph Boyle would repeatedly show up at locations throughout the Township where she worked, lived or frequented.

The women previously filed Harassment charges against Boyle in the Lower Township Municipal Court, which were settled with the agreement that Boyle was to have no further contact with her.

The women called Police after Boyle followed her to the Villas WaWa Thursday morning.

Boyle has appeared in the Lower Township Municipal Court several times over the last few years to answer Local Ordinance Violations for having junk cars, trash and debris all over his property.

Several months ago the Lower Township Police Department conducted a Search Warrant at Boyle's residence and confiscated numerous firearms from his home.

Boyle was arrested at his home on Thursday and placed on a Warrant on a 4th degree charge of Stalking. A no contact order was also issued by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge David DeWeese, baring Boyle from having further contact with the female complainant.

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Lieutenant



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MAN CHARGED WITH DWI FOLLOWING MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

On Saturday, June 12th, at approximately 9:10 pm, Lower Township Police Department Communications Center received several 9-1-1 calls reporting a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Bayshore Road and Greenwood Avenues in the Township's Villas Section.

Police and Rescue Units responded to the motor vehicle accident.

Investigation on scene determined that a 2000 Chevy Sierra driven by a Dennis M. Yearicks, age 52, of the 300 Block of Cedardale Avenue, Villas, New Jersey and a 1993 Ford, Bronco, driven by James W. Lepor, age 47 of the 200 Block of Langs Avenue, Villas, New Jersey, were involved in the accident.

Both drivers refused transportation to the hospital and after further investigation, Dennis Yearicks was placed under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated. Yearicks was transported to Lower Township Police Department for processing on the DWI charge.

Lower Township Police report that Yearick's Blood Alcohol Content Reading was over three times the legal limit of .08 percent.

The accident is currently under investigation by Patrolman William McPherson and Patrolman Shaun Whittington.

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Detective Lieutenant Thomas Keywood



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MAN CHARGED WITH SELLING TAZER WEAPONS TO LOWER CAPE MAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Recently the Lower Township Police Department concluded an ongoing investigation regarding the sale of hand held Tazer Weapons to students at the Lower Cape May Regional High School.

The investigation began when Lower Township School Resource Officers Albert Flitcroft and Michael Perry received information from a concerned parent, that several students at the high school were in possession of Tazer Stun Guns and had brought the stun guns to school with them.

The School Resource Officers then followed up on the information with the assistance of the Lower Township Detective Division and subsequently confiscated three (3) Hand Held Tazers from three (3) separate students.

The Tazers were the square type which have to be placed against the skin of a person in order to deliver a shock and were not the type that were capable of shooting darts into a person.

On June 10th, after further investigation, Lower Township Detectives and the School Resource Officers determined that a Steven Hogg, age 28, of the 100 Block of West 16th Street, in North Wildwood, New Jersey, had sold the stun guns to the students.

Hogg was arrested by School Resource Officer, Michael Perry and Detective Chris Lambert. He was processed at the Lower Township Police Department and charged with Possession of Prohibited Weapons, specifically a Tazer, this being a 4th degree crime.

School Resource Officer, Albert Flitcroft indicated that, "All three (3) students stated that their intent in the acquisition of these devices was not to use them as a weapon or in any other ill intended manner, they simply thought that the devices would be an interesting novelty type device to have."

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue, acknowledged the work of the School Resource Officers in this incident stating:

"This situation illustrates the importance of having SRO's in our schools and rapport that they are able to establish with our parents, teachers and students that can deter and help prevent serious or dangerous situations in our schools."



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Donohue indicated that SRO Albert Flitcroft is scheduled to retire on August 1st, and SRO Perry is training with him at this time and will take his place at the high school for the 2010/2011 school year.

Lower Township Police are asking anyone who may have additional information concerning the sale and or purchase of stun guns to students at the Lower Cape May Regional High School, to please contact the Lower Township Detective Division at 609-886-1619, ext. 156.

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Detective Lieutenant Thomas Keyword



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DOUGLASS PARK AND BEACH DRIVE IN NORTH CAPE MAY – CLOSED JULY 5, 2010 FROM 2 PM to 10 PM

Due to the amount of foot traffic that will be along Beach Drive for the Fireworks Festival, the Lower Township Police will close down Beach Drive from Townbank Road to Sandman Blvd. in North Cape May, from 2:00 pm till the conclusion of the event which is expected to end around 10:00 pm. Douglass Park will also be closed the entire day of July 5th and re-open on July 6th.

Vendors and amusement rides will stay open till approximately 10:00 pm to allow traffic to filter out of the area.

Shore Drive and Beach Drive will be closed to all vehicular and bicycle traffic during this time.

There will be "No Parking" along Beach Drive from 2 pm until 11 pm on July 5th, to allow for the set up and clean up of vendors along Beach Drive.

The last blocks of Franklin Avenue, Whittier Avenue and Washington Boulevard from Atlantic Avenue to the Beach, will also be posted "No Parking" from Friday, July 2, 2010 at 12 noon until Tuesday, July 6, 2010, to allow for the set up and breakdown of several amusement rides that will be set up on these three (3) blocks. Illegally parked vehicles will be ticketed and towed. There will be ample parking throughout North Cape May.

Motorists are warned not to block driveways, fire hydrants or intersections. Handicap parking will be available on Holmes and Townbank Roads between Beach Drive and Atlantic Avenue.

In the event there are lost children, parents or guardians are directed to report to the Lower Township Police Command Center which will be located at Townbank and Beach Drive.

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SUBJECT FALLS FROM CAR HOOD AFTER VERBAL ARGUMENT WITH GIRLFRIEND

The Lower Township Police Department on June 24th 2010 at approximately 1:30 am responded to the 700 block of Indian Avenue in the North Cape May section of Lower Township for a report of an individual who fell from the hood of a car and sustained a head injury.

Upon arrival, police and Lower Township Rescue personnel administered first aid and transported the subject to the Cape May County Airport to be airlifted to AtlantiCare, City Campus Trauma Unit. Erma Volunteer Fire Company assisted with the landing zone for the medivac.

Police investigation disclosed that the injured party George Koeck 37 years of age of the 400 block of Sandalwood Road in the Villas section of Lower Township had been arguing with his girlfriend identified as Alicia M. Cacci 36 years of age of the 700 block of Clifton Road in Atlanta, Georgia. Upon Cacci trying to depart in her vehicle, Koeck jumped on the hood of the vehicle in an attempt to prevent her from leaving. As the vehicle began to move, Koeck th jumped off falling to the ground and striking his head on the road surface.

Koeck was treated at the AtlantiCare City Campus in Atlantic City, New Jersey and then discharged. No charges were issued at the time of the accident.

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POLICE CHAPLAIN JACK HOWARD OF THE TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH RETIRES

The Lower Township Police Department announced on Sunday June 27th 2010 that a long serving police chaplain was retiring. A celebration of his ministry was held at the Tabernacle United Methodist Church on Seashore Road in Lower Township at 10:15am on June 27th, 2010.

Pastor Howard was the coordinator for the police chaplains' program, which consists of various religious leaders through out Lower Township. The programs main purpose is to provide spiritual support to members of the police department and the public at large.

Through the years the chaplains have been called on for death notifications and on one occasion when an officer had an on duty medical emergency that left him on a ventilator, Pastor Howard was standing vigil at the hospital to support family members and fellow police officers.

The program was begun under Chief John Maher and continued under Chief Edward Donohue. The program is under the supervision of Captain Brian Marker who has been active in the program since its inception.

Pastor Howard was presented with a plaque in appreciation for his years of service and ministry to the Lower Township Police Department and community. Having his wife Linda Howard by his side as his accompanist and supporter enhanced Pastor Howard's ministry. The members of the Lower Township Police Department wish Pastor Howard and his wife Linda a happy and long retirement.



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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ARREST MAN FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND TERRORISTIC THREATS FOLLOWING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT

On Sunday, 06-27-10, at approximately 8:30 pm, the Lower Township Police Department received a complaint from a female in the 600 Block of Townbank Road in the North Cape May Section of the township.

The female advised police officers that she had been physically assaulted and choked by her boyfriend, who also threatened to kill her.

Patrol Officers requested the Lower Township Rescue Squad respond to the scene to evaluate the victim.

The male actor had already left the residence and was believed to be enroute to Wildwood, New Jersey.

Lower Township Detectives then located the actor with the assistance of the Wildwood Police Department.

Following further investigation, the actor, identified as Robbie C. Ackerley, age 29, of the 100 Block of West Rio Grande Avenue, Wildwood, New Jersey, was arrested by the Lower Township Police Department and charged on a warrant with Aggravated Assault and Terroristic Threats.

Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David DeWeese then set Ackerley's bail at \$15,000 cash. Ackerley was subsequently lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of bail.

The incident was investigated by Patrolman Ryan Hansberry and the Lower Township Detective Division.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE SEARCH FOR SUSPECT IN STABBING OF PREGNANT WOMAN

On Friday, 06-25-10, at approximately 4:50 pm, Lower Township Police Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call from a female in the 100 Block of Kentucky Avenue in the Villas Section of the township.

The caller advised dispatch that she was six (6) months pregnant and had just been assaulted and was held against her will at knife point, by her ex-boyfriend.

The victim stated that she was able to flee her home after being punched multiple times about the face and stomach and stabbed in the arm, at which point she ran to a neighbor's home to call the police.

Lower Township Police and Rescue Personnel responded to the scene where the victim was treated by the Lower Township Rescue Squad before being transported to Cape Regional Medical Center for her injuries.

Lower Township Patrol Officers conducted an extensive search of the area and alerted other Law Enforcement Agencies, but were unable to locate the actor.

The suspect in the incident has been identified as Eric W. Rogers, a 27 year old, black male, 5'10" tall, weighing approximately 155 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair. (Please see attached photo of suspect.)

Rogers now has an outstanding warrant issued for his arrest, charging him with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, being a 3rd degree crime.

Roger's Last known address was in the 600 block of Maple Avenue in Merchantville NJ, Camden County.

Anyone who may have information on the whereabouts of Eric Rogers, is asked to call the Lower Township Police Department's Safe Neighborhoods Tip Line at 609-886-1619, ext. 156 or Cape May County Crime Stoppers at 609-465-2800. All information will remain confidential and may be reported anonymously.

The incident is currently under investigation by Patrolman Dallas Bohn and the Lower Township Detective Division.



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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ISSUE DESCRIPTION OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT SUSPECT AT CAPE MAY POINT STATE PARK

On Thursday, 07-01-10 at approximately 08:25 hours, the Lower Township Police Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call from a man reporting he was calling from his cell phone.

The caller reported that he was walking the Nature Trails at the Cape May Point State Park, (which is located in Lower Township's jurisdiction,) when he came across an hysterical female who was crying and told him that she had just been assaulted.

Lower Township and Cape May Police Officers immediately responded to the area, along with the Cape May Fire Rescue, to evaluate the victim.

Investigation on scene by Lower Township Detectives determined that the 39 year old female had been walking the Nature Trails and was sitting at one of the wooden lean-tos, overlooking a pond, when she was approached by a male subject.

The subject then grabbed the victim and threw her to the ground, at which time he inappropriately grabbed and touched her with his hands before fleeing the area.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 25 to 35 years old, approximately 5'5" to 5'6" tall, with a thin build. Suspect was described as having a full head of brown wavy hair and was clean shaven.

The suspect was wearing red shorts and a white plain t-shirt at the time. The type of footwear worn by the suspect, if any, was not reported.

The Lower Township Police Department immediately relayed the suspect's description to the Cape May Beach Patrol and the Cape May Point Beach Patrol and advised the Beach Patrols to forward the description to all of their Beach Badge Checkers as well.

Lower Township and Cape May Police Officers are continuing to search for the suspect in the area where the assault took place.

The victim was transported to Cape Regional Medical Center by Cape May Fire Rescue for further evaluation.

The incident is currently under investigation by the Lower Township Patrol Division and the Detective Division, with the assistance of the Cape May Police Department.

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Anyone with information regarding this incident, should contact the Lower Township Detective Division at 886-1619, extension 156 or Cape May County Crime Stoppers at 609-465-2800. All information will remain confidential and may be reported anonymously.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE KEPT BUSY OVER HOLIDAY WEEKEND

The Lower Township Police Department responded to approximately 400 calls over the July 4th Holiday Weekend from Friday through Monday.

Calls for Service included;

18 Disorderly Conduct calls
06 Domestic Violence calls
03 Domestic Violence calls with assaults
18 Emergency Medical Calls with the Lower Township Rescue Squad
21 Local Ordinance complaints
11 Motor Vehicle Accidents
60 Motor Vehicle Stops
10 Parking Offenses
06 Criminal Mischief complaints
17 Suspicious Persons or Vehicle calls
05 Thefts
08 Alarm calls
13 Animal Complaints
50 Property Checks
01 Burglary
04 Warrant Arrests

Some of the more serious incidents included;

04 DWI Arrests

One (1) DWI arrest occurred after an off-duty Wildwood Crest Police Officer followed a vehicle driving recklessly from Wildwood into Lower Township, where the vehicle was eventually stopped with the driver of that vehicle having a blood alcohol content over three (3) times the legal limit.

One (1) DWI arrest was a result of a motor vehicle accident on Hollywood Avenue in the Villas. The driver of that motor vehicle was transported to Cape Regional Medical Center where Lower Township Police Officers retrieved a blood sample from the driver and charged him with Driving While Intoxicated.



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Officers responded to a Domestic Violence incident where a woman was arrested for striking her husband with a hammer. The woman was charged on a warrant with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. She was also charged with obstruction of justice and resisting arrest and was subsequently released after paying 10 percent of a \$15,000 bail.

The Lower Township Detective Division continued to investigate an incident where a three (3) year old toddler, fell from a 2nd floor balcony at the Channel Apartments in North Cape May. The child was airlifted to Cooper University Hospital and released after several days.

On the evening of July 4th, Lower Township Police Officers responded to two (2) separate serious motor vehicle accidents on bridges in Lower Township. First being on the route 109 Bridge leading into Cape May from the Parkway. The second being on the Seashore Road Veteran's Bridge, over the canal leading into the West Cape May area. The accidents occurred just as heavy traffic was departing the City of Cape May following Cape May's Fireworks, causing significant gridlock and traffic delays. Also during that time an electrical transformer caught fire causing a power outage in parts of the Erma section for several hours.

On July 5th, Lower Township Police Officers were out in force directing traffic and conducting Crowd Control Operations for the township's large Block Party and Fireworks Display along the bay in North Cape May. Police report a very large crowd for the event, however no major incidents were reported except for several incidents of missing small children, who were all eventually located and returned to their parents.

In addition, prior to the Lower Township Fireworks, the Lower Township Police reported that the Middle Thorofare Bridge connecting Diamond Beach with the mainland, was stuck in the upright position, due to heat expansion on the bridge, for over 3 hours. The Erma Fire Department had to respond to the bridge and cool the structure with water for several hours before the bridge could be lowered. Lower Township Police Officers had to direct traffic to Wildwood Boulevard during that time.

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Patrol Bureau Commander



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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE SEEK PUBLIC'S HELP IN LOCATING SAIL BOAT AFTER INVESTIGATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AT CAPE MAY POINT STATE PARK

The Lower Township Police Department in Cape May County New Jersey, is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the owner and/or operator of a Catamaran style Sail Boat that was anchored in the ocean approximately 75 yards off shore of the Cape May Point State Park on July 1st, on the morning that a 39 year old female was attacked and assaulted in a lean to on the Nature Trails at the park.

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue, stated local residents observed the vessel anchored close to shore for several days prior to the assault. Donohue stated the vessel arrived on Tuesday, June 29th and departed during the late afternoon of July 1st.

Local residents observed a white male, approximately 30 years old, with dark hair and a thin build, on board the boat. The male appeared to be alone on the boat. Residents stated the male would row a small dingy to shore and walk the surrounding area during the days that the boat was anchored off of the park.

The Lower Township Detective Division has obtained several photos of the vessel taken by a visitor to the area while the sail boat was moored off of the beach.

The vessel is described as a twin haul Catamaran style Sail Boat, approximately 35 to 40 feet in length with a white haul and white sail. The vessel has a blue canopy.

The name of the vessel is the "**Brer Rabbit**" which is displayed on the haul of the boat in large blue block lettering. The registration number on the boat is undistinguishable in the photo and the home port could not be ascertained.

Donohue stated that Lower Township Detectives have visited numerous marinas in the area in an attempt to locate the sail boat and have also requested the assistance of the New Jersey State Police Marine Law Enforcement Bureau and the United States Coast Guard Intelligence Unit in locating the vessel.

Donohue would not comment on whether the owner/operator of the sail boat was a person of interest in the investigation, but stated, "We would certainly like to locate him and clarify his location during the early morning hours of July 1st."

The Chief did state, "The Lower Township Police Department would like to assure all residents and visitors in the area of the Cape May Point State Park, (which is in Lower Township's jurisdiction), that the Lower Township Police Department is aggressively



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pursuing this investigation with the assistance of the New Jersey State Park Police, the Cape May City Police Department, the New Jersey State Police and the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office.

A New Jersey State Trooper trained in composite sketches, recently interviewed the victim in an attempt to create a composite sketch of the suspect involved, but was unable to obtain enough descriptors to complete a full composite sketch.

Chief Donohue stated he has been in touch with Director, Rick Arroyo, of the New Jersey State Park Police and indicated that both the State Park Police and the Lower Township Police Department have increased roving patrols and property checks at the State Park.

Donohue stated, The Lower Township Police Department implemented additional security measures in the park over the July 4th holiday weekend, however he would not elaborate on those measures.

The suspect in the assault that occurred on July 1st, is described as follows; a white male, approximately 25 to 35 years old, 5'5" to 5'6" tall, with a thin build.

The suspect has a scare or birth mark on his upper right forehead near his hair line. His hair line is brown in color, wavy, with the hair covering his ears. He may possibly have blue eyes.

The suspect was wearing red shorts and a white plain t-shirt at the time of the assault.

Authorities are hoping that by keeping the case in the public eye, information may be received on a possible suspect.

Anyone who may have information concerning the Sailing Vessel, "**Brer Rabbit**" is asked to contact Detective Michael Majane of the Lower Township Police Department at 609-886-1619 ext. 112.

(Please see attached photos of the sail boat in question.)

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTICIPATION

The Lower Township Police Department invites all local businesses and community agencies to participate in this year's National Night Out.

It will be held on August 3, 2010 from 7pm – 9 pm at the Lower Cape May Regional High School.

For more information and to register for this event contact Captain Brian Marker at 886-1619 ext. 114

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE CHARGE MAN FOR CRANK CALLS TO 9-1-1 EMERGENCY OPERATORS

On Thursday, July 8th, the Lower Township Police Communication Center received three (3) fictitious 9-1-1 calls, the first being made at 00:43 hours, the second at 00:58 hours and the third at 01:12 hours.

During those calls the caller used a false name to identify himself and advised dispatchers that there were active warrants for a Daniel Thomas, if officers located him.

At approximately 02:00 hours, s/o Michael Kennedy, while on routine patrol on Bayshore Road in the Villas Section of the township, observed a male subject in the parking lot of Jake's Bar & Grill, who appeared to be attempting to flag down the officer.

When S/O Kennedy approached the subject, he realized that the man was aggressively waving an obscene gesture with his hand, at the officer.

The subject, identified as Daniel T. Thomas, age 21, of the 3800 block of Bybrook Road in North Cape May, immediately approached the officer and began to be very belligerent and combative toward the officer and continually directed profane language at the officer.

At that time Patrol Officer William Barcas arrived to back up Kennedy. Thomas was told to calm down numerous times by the officers, but he continued to be extremely belligerent towards the officers and began to make threats towards the officers and their family members.

At that point, Daniel Thomas was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and transported to Lower Township Police Department for processing.

While being processed, Thomas provided a cell phone number for the arrest report, which was the same number that the three (3) fictitious calls came from earlier.

In addition, on July 3rd, Thomas made numerous calls to Lower Township's 9-1-1 System reporting that he had beat up his girlfriend and that he wanted to go to the County Jail.

An investigation into those calls proved to be unfounded and Thomas was warned at the time regarding further abuse of the Emergency 9-1-1 System.

Thomas was charged with one (1) count of Disorderly Conduct, a disorderly persons offense. He was also charged on a warrant with False Public Alarms, For Misuse of the Emergency 9-1-1 Call System, this being a 4th degree crime.

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Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David Deweese, set Thomas' bail at \$10,000 full cash. Thomas was then lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of bail.

The incident was investigated by Patrol Officer William Barcas.

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MEDIA RELEASE

LTMUA Gets Greener by adding additional Solar Panels

Lower Township, NJ – The Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority (LTMUA) has awarded a second solar panel contract to Cambria Solar of Pleasantville, New Jersey. The contract is a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) that includes a new 750 kW per hour solar power unit. The LTMUA currently has been operating a 50 kW solar unit under a PPA agreement with Calvi Electric of Atlantic City, New Jersey since February 2010 and has been saving an average of \$1,200 per month on electric bills.

The new 750 kW unit is similar to the 50 kW unit as the LTMUA spent **ZERO** capital dollars for the construction of the units. The 50 kW unit produces electric at a cost to the LTMUA of **ZERO** per kW for electrical power generated by the unit for the next fifteen years. The new 750 kW unit produces electric at a cost to the LTMUA of \$0.0375 per kW for electrical power generated by the unit for the first five years with an escalation rate to \$0.05 per kW during the fifteen year term of the contract. The LTMUA currently pays Atlantic City Electric Company an average of \$0.14 per kW of energy used. Both contracts are for fifteen years each, but the units have a life expectancy of 25 to 30 years.

The LTMUA supplied the ground space where the units were constructed at the Wastewater treatment Plant (WWTP), 2900 Bayshore Road, Villas, New Jersey. The WWTP currently uses over 900 kW per hour to operate the sewage treatment plant. When operational, both solar units will produce almost One Meg of power. LTMUA plans to reduce their dependency on Atlantic Electric during its operation over the next fifteen years.

The LTMUA estimates a cost savings on electricity supplied by Atlantic City Electric of \$15,000 per month when the new project is completed. The LTMUA routinely reviews its daily operations for Green alternatives, cost savings and efficiency, which results in savings for its rate payers.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ARREST SUSPECT IN BURGLARY AND THEFT/RECOVER STOLEN PROPERTY

On Friday, July 9th, at approximately 10:25 pm, the Lower Township Police Department investigated a report of a burglary and theft in the 100 Block of Old Mill Drive in the township's North Cape May Section.

The homeowner there reported that someone had ransacked her bedroom and removed two (2) laptop computers from the residence.

Approximately one (1) hour later, police received a call that a mentally challenged male in the area of CJ's Bar & Grill, may be in need of assistance.

Patrol Officer, Shaun Whittington located the subject and further investigation revealed that the subject, identified as Thomas D. Sloan, age 23, of the 800 Block of Cape Avenue in West Cape May, was in possession of one (1) of the laptop computers reported stolen from the residence on Old Mill Drive.

Sloan was then arrested for Burglary and Theft and transported to Lower Township Police Department for processing. There was also an outstanding warrant for Sloan out of Evesham Township, for contempt of court.

Sloan was charged on a summons for Burglary and Theft, with a court date and was then released to a relative.

The incident was investigated by Patrol Officer Shaun Whittington.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE INVESTIGATING BURGLARY AND THEFT OF JEWELRY / CASH

The Lower Township Police Department is investigating a burglary and theft from a residence in the 400 block of Tarpon Road in the Villas.

The burglary occurred between 9 pm, Saturday, July 10th and 3:30 am, Sunday, July 11th.

The homeowner reported forced entry to the residence with the theft of over \$5,000 worth of jewelry and cash.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Lower Township Police Department's Safe Neighborhood's Tip Line at 886-1619, ext. 156 or Cape May County Crime Stoppers at 465-2800. All information will remain confidential and may be reported anonymously.

The incident is under investigation by Patrol Officer William McPherson and Detective Joseph Boyle.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE LOOKING FOR VEHICLE IN RIDE BY SMOKE BOMBING OF SIGHTSEEING VESSEL

On Saturday, July 10th, at approximately 11 pm, the Lower Township Police Communication's Center received a 9-1-1 call from the Sightseeing Vessel, "Spirit of Cape May," which docks on Wilson Avenue in the Township's Schellengers Landing Section.

Persons on board the vessel reported that a red Jeep, drove up to the bulkhead where the "Spirit of Cape May" was docked and a subject in the Jeep, then threw approximately five (5) small "stink bombs" onto the deck of the boat before fleeing the area.

No damage or injuries were reported in the incident.

Anyone having information on the vehicle or it's occupants, are asked to call the Lower Township Police Department's Safe Neighborhoods Tip Line at 609-886-1619, ext. 156.

The incident was investigated by Class II S/O Kevin Boyle, Jr.

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MAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT AND D.W.I. AFTER ATTEMPTING TO ELUDE POLICE IN HIS SIDECAR MOTORCYCLE

The Lower Township Police Department on Saturday July 17th 2010 at approximately 9:57 pm received a 9-11 call from the 900 block of Seashore Road reporting an assault upon an 18 year old with a cane. The actor identified as Casimir Rupinski 37 years of age of the above address had reportedly been at a party and upon returning home had noticed that a dog had urinated in the house. He then became enraged and attempted to hit the dog with a cane. The 18-year-old male victim attempted to intervene and removed the cane from Rupinski. Rupinski then regained control of the cane and struck the victim in the face area causing what was later to be determined a facial fracture.

Rupinski upon hearing that the police had been called then proceeded to leave the residence on a Honda motorcycle with a sidecar attached. Police upon arrival put this information out to other officers and determined that Rupinski had warrants for his arrest for non support and other charges in an amount of \$5,250.00 and that his license had been suspended.

S/O Joseph Gamble was in the area of Fire Lane and Bayshore Road when he observed Rupinski on the motorcycle traveling north bound on Bayshore Road toward a relative's house in the 100 block of Baywood Avenue. S/O Gamble then attempted to stop Rupinski's vehicle. However, Rupinski would not adhere to police sirens/lights and commands to stop. Police pursued him until he drove the vehicle onto the above relative's property in an attempt to elude police.

Upon stopping, Rupinski ignored police commands and attempted to flee on foot and was apprehended and handcuffed. Upon being taken to a police vehicle Rupinski then drove his shoulder into S/O Gamble knocking the officer off balance, Rupinski was then restrained and placed into the police vehicle with the assistance of several officers. Rupinski was then transported to the Lower Township Police Department for processing.

Rupinski is charged with aggravated assault upon a police officer, driving while intoxicated, eluding police with a motor vehicle, possession of marijuana and driving while suspended. Rupinski was also charged in regards to the original call with aggravated assault and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose. Judge Richard Russell set bail at \$15,000.00 cash. Rupinski was later transferred to the Cape May County Correctional Center.

Patrolman Robert Hartman, S/O Joseph Gamble, Patrolman C.J. Ryan, Patrolman Robert Fessler and Detective First Class Mel Hedum investigated the case.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE “COP/STOP PROGRAM” CONTINUES

This month’s “Cop/Stop” will take place at the Lower Township Farmers Market 2600 Bayshore road, July 30, 2010, where Patrol Officer Michael Perry will be present from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm to answer any questions or comments citizens may have concerning the operations of the police department and literature on various community projects will also be available at that time.

The “Cop Stop Program” is a setting where Police Officers are available to interact with residents of the community in a relaxed atmosphere.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ARREST MAN IN BURGLARY AND THEFT OF SUNSET BEACH SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Following a two (2) day investigation, the Lower Township Police Department has arrested a suspect in a Burglary and Theft that occurred on July 20th, at approximately 2 a.m. at the Sunset Beach Sportsmen's Club.

The club, located at the west end of Sunset Boulevard near the Concrete Ship Parking Lot, was forcibly entered early Tuesday morning with over \$200 cash removed from the cash register. The perpetrator also removed a safe from the building.

After several days of investigation, Lower Township Detectives developed a suspect in the incident, identified as Kevin Moore, age 41 of the 100 Block of Harmony Road in the Township's North Cape May Section.

After locating and interviewing the suspect, Detectives charged Moore on a warrant with one (1) count of Burglary, being a 3rd Degree crime and one (1) count of Theft of Movable Property, being a 4th Degree crime and 1 count of Criminal Mischief.

Detectives also recovered the stolen safe during the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by patrolman Shaun Whittington, Detective Joseph Boyle and DFC Mel Hedum.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE RESPOND TO MULTIPLE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS OVER THE WEEKEND

From Friday, 07-23-10 through Sunday, 07-25-10, the Lower Township Police Department responded to multiple traffic related incidents throughout Lower Township to include the following;

Friday, 07-23-10, at 01:10 hours, Driving While Intoxicated arrest on State Highway Route 109.

Friday, 07-23-10, at 08:40 hours, two car motor vehicle accident at Seashore and Academy Roads, no injuries.

Saturday, 07-24-10, at 03:00 hours, Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident at Schooner Island Marina. Vehicle struck a parked vehicle then fled the scene.

Saturday, 07-24-10, at 09:54 hours, reported Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident, where a vehicle struck a parked vehicle then fled the scene. The accident occurred at Atlantic and Memphis Avenues in Diamond Beach.

Saturday, 07-24-10, at 10:42 hours, a three (3) car Motor Vehicle Accident reported on the Route 109 Bridge with no injuries, one (1) summons issued.

Saturday, 07-24-10, at 13:17 hours, a three (3) car Motor vehicle Accident was reported at Bayshore Road and Tennessee Avenue, no injuries.

Saturday, 07-24-10, at 17:10 hours, two (2) car Motor Vehicle Accident reported at Villas WaWa Parking Lot, with no injuries.

Sunday, 07-25-10, at 12:26 hours, two (2) car Motor Vehicle Accident reported a Bayshore and Wildwood Avenues, no injuries.

Sunday, 07-25-10, at 12:29 hours, two (2) car Motor Vehicle Accident with injuries reported, at Route 109 and the Garden State Parkway. The accident is under investigation.

Sunday, 07-25-10, at 12:39 hours, a two (2) car Motor Vehicle accident reported at the Garden State Parkway at Exit "0", no injuries.

Sunday, 07-25-10, at 15:38 hours, reported Motor Vehicle struck a Bicyclist with minor injuries. Accident occurred at Sunset Boulevard and Stevens Street.

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Sunday, 07-25-10, at 16:09 hours, a two (2) car Motor Vehicle Accident was reported at the Garden State Parkway, Exit "0", with no injuries.

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MAN INJURED IN EARLY MORNING DIVING ACCIDENT AT LEPOR PITS FRESHWATER POND

On Sunday morning, at approximately 04:10 hours, the Lower Township Police Communication Center received a 9-1-1 call from a male on a cell phone.

The caller reported that he was calling from the freshwater ponds known as Lepor's Pits in the Township's Erma Section.

The caller stated that his friend hurt his back while swimming at the Pits and could no longer feel his legs after diving into shallow water and striking his head.

Patrol Officer Ryan Hansberry responded to the call and located the 28 year old male victim, who had already been pulled from the water by a group of friends he was swimming with.

The Lower Township Rescue Squad and Paramedics responded to the scene and stabilized the victim, who was then airlifted to the Atlantic City Medical Center where he was admitted into the Intensive Care Unit.

The victim listed his current address as a hotel in the 500 Block of Atlantic Avenue in Wildwood Crest, New Jersey.

The Erma Fire Department also responded to the Cape May County Airport for a Landing Zone Assignment due to the incident.

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TRAFFIC DETOURS FOR THE ANNUAL COOMBS/DOUGLASS MEMORIAL RUN

The Annual Coombs/Douglass Memorial Bay Run will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2010. The starting time is approximately 8:30 am. The event will consist of a two (2) mile and a five (5) mile run. The starting point of the run will be in front of the Townbank Fire Hall. The majority of the run will occur on Clubhouse Drive, Shore Drive and Beach Drive in North Cape May.

Due to the amount of runners and road closures, motorists are requested to avoid this area during the hours of 8:00 am until 11:00 am. Motorists can expect delays and detours in the area of Townbank Road, Clubhouse Drive and Beach Drive, as a portion of the course will be closed to traffic. Douglass Park will also be closed from 10:00 pm Friday, August 6th, until the end of the run on Saturday, August 7th.

Any runners wishing to participate can contact the Lower Township Department of Parks and Recreation at 609-886-7880.

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SUSPICIOUS PERSON CALL LEADS TO ARREST OF WOMAN FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND RESISTING ARREST

On Saturday, July 31st, at approximately 5:07 am, the Lower Township Police Communication Center received a 9-1-1 call from a passing motorist on Cloverdale Avenue, reporting a female yelling in the middle of the roadway reportedly throwing a metal chair about the street.

Patrol Officers responded to the area, but initially could not locate the woman. Officers then heard the woman yelling profanities at them from a yard in the 100 Block of Cloverdale Avenue.

When Officers tried to calm the woman down, she became even more belligerent and combative.

The woman, identified as Joanne Coughlin, age 42 of Disston Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was then placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct, however she physically resisted her arrest at which point she was restrained and placed under arrest.

Coughlin was then transported to Lower Township Police Department where she was charged with the following:

- 1 Count of Disorderly Conduct
- 1 Count of Resisting Arrest
- 1 Count of Obstruction of Justice

Based on statements the woman had made to patrol officers, the Lower Township Rescue Squad was asked to respond to the police department to examine the female. She was then transported to Cape Regional Medical Center for an evaluation.

The incident was investigated by Patrol Officer, William Barcas.

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DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT CRACKDOWN TO BE CONDUCTED LOCALLY AS PART OF STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN

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Lower Township – Law enforcement officers from Lower Township will be cracking down on drink drivers as part of the Summer 2010 “*Over The Limit, Under Arrest*” Campaign. Beginning August 20th and running through September 6th, local and state law enforcement officers will conduct sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols, looking for motorists who may be driving while intoxicated.

A concentrated national effort, the campaign helps to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving through high-visibility enforcement and public education tools, including posters, banners and mobile video display signs. Launched nationally in 1999, the program works to combat drunk driving during some of the busiest travel times of the year, including the summer months. As part of the initiative, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety provides grants to local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to run the two week campaign.

“There is simply no excuse to drink and drive,” said Pam Fischer, Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety. “Even one drink can impair your judgment and reaction time, creating a potentially dangerous situation not only for yourself, but everyone on the road.”

Last year in New Jersey, 185 people were killed as a result of alcohol-related crashes. That number represents 31 percent of the 583 traffic fatalities reported in the state in 2009. In addition, 67 of those alcohol-related fatalities occurred during the summer travel season.

“One life lost is one to many,” Fischer added. “Through public education and law enforcement efforts, we will continue our commitment to protecting all New Jersey motorists from the senseless tragedies associated with drunk driving.”

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DISORDERLY PERSON AT BAYSHORE INN ARRESTED FOR OBSTRUCTION AND RESISTING ARREST

On Wednesday, August 4th, at approximately 1:40 a.m. Lower Township Patrol Officers were dispatched to the Bayshore Inn Bar located in the township's North Cape May Section, for a Disorderly Person who was refusing to leave the establishment.

As patrol officers arrived on the scene, the subject in question later identified as William Rynne, Jr., age 46, of the 100 Block of Cherry Hill Road in the township's North Cape May Section, ran from the officers and attempted to hide in some nearby hedges.

Employees at the Bayshore Inn advised officers that Rynne had been very disorderly and combative inside the bar and wanted officers to advise him that he was no longer welcomed at the establishment.

Patrol officers then located Rynne hiding behind thick hedges in the area. At that time they advised him several times to come out from behind the hedges. Rynne was very belligerent and verbally refused to obey the officers demands to come out from his hiding area.

At that point, the subject was told that he was under arrest for Obstruction of Justice.

As officers entered the hedges to affect his arrest, the subject ran through a yard then jumped a fence with officers in foot pursuit.

Officer Robert Fessler caught up with the subject, however Rynne physically resisted his arrest, struggling with the officer, ripping the officer's uniform shirt.

S/O Kevin Boyle, Jr. then arrived on scene and assisted Officer Fessler in restraining Rynne.

Rynne was placed under arrest and transported to Lower Township Police Department where he was charged with the following offenses:

Obstruction of Justice
Resisting Arrest
Criminal Mischief

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DOMESTIC ASSAULT CALL LEADS TO DRUG POSSESSION ARREST

On August 2nd, at approximately 11:20 p.m. Lower Township Patrol Officers were dispatched to the 900 Block of Shirley Avenue in the township's Erma Section, for a reported Domestic Violence incident with an assault.

Investigation on scene determined that two (2) females at that location were involved in a verbal argument when one (1) of the females, identified as Bethany Titerence, age 21, of the Shirley Avenue address, physically assaulted the other female.

Officers on scene observed obvious signs of injury to the reporting party and put out a description of the actor who had already left the residence, to other patrol units in the area.

A short time later, Patrol Officer Jennifer Anzelone, observed Titerence walking along State Highway Route 9 in the area.

Titerence became very belligerent when questioned by the officer. Officer Anzelone confirmed her identity and placed Titerence under arrest for Simple Assault during the course of a Domestic Violence Incident.

Titerence was then transported to the Lower Township Police Department for processing, where a search of her pocketbook, incidental to her arrest, revealed several baggies of Marijuana, a small vial of Cocaine, a small Scale and a Grinder used to grind Marijuana.

Titerence was then charged with the following offenses:

Simple Assault during the course of a Domestic Violence Incident
Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute, being a 4th degree crime
Possession of Cocaine, being a 3rd degree crime
Two (2) counts of Drug Paraphernalia

The incident was investigated by Patrol Officers Shaun Whittington and Jennifer Anzelone.

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THEFT FROM VEHICLE LEADS TO ROBBERY AND DRUG DISTRIBUTION CHARGES

On Thursday, August 5th, at approximately 11:20 p.m. Lower Township Patrol Officers were called to the 100 Block of Carriage Lane in the township's Erma Section for a report of two (2) men breaking into a motor vehicle.

Investigation on scene determined that several witnesses had identified the two (2) men as Ryan Cluff, age 18, of the 200 Block of Fishing Creek Road and Kyle Flannelly, age 18, of the 300 Block of Pine Lane, both of Lower Township.

Witnesses reported that both men were observed entering a parked motor vehicle where they removed two (2) Ipods, then intentionally scratched the paint of the motor vehicle.

Flannelly then got into his motor vehicle to depart the area, as Cluff was running to join Flannelly in the motor vehicle, a 14 year old male witness then approached Cluff, at which point Cluff punched the 14 year old in the face before both men fled the area in Flannelly's vehicle, being a tan four-door Subaru.

A short time later, Cluff was located walking in the area of his residence on Fishing Creek Road by Patrol Officer Brian McEwing.

Cluff was arrested at that time and transported to the Lower Township Police Department for processing where he was charged with:

One (1) count of Robbery, being a 2nd Degree Crime, due to the fact that a person was assaulted during the commission of the theft.

Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David DeWeese set Cluff's bail at \$25,000 cash. Cluff was then lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of bail.

Then at approximately 1:30 a.m. Patrol Officer William Barcas conducted a motor vehicle stop on the motor vehicle being driven by Kyle Flannelly, being a 1999, tan, four-door Subaru, on Seashore Road in the township's Erma Section.

Flannelly was then placed under arrest for the Robbery incident. In addition, at the time of his arrest, Flannelly was found to be in possession of 21 separate baggies of Marijuana, a Glass Pipe and a Metal Grinder.

Flannelly was transported to Lower Township Police Department for processing where he was charged with the following offenses:

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One (1) Count of Robbery, being a 2nd Degree Crime.
Possession of Over 50 grams. Of Marijuana, being a 4th Degree Crime.
Possession of Marijuana With Intent to Distribute, being a 3rd Degree Crime.
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.
One (1) Count of Criminal Mischief.

Flannely was also issued a Motor Vehicle Summons for having a Controlled Dangerous Substance in a Motor Vehicle.

Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David DeWeese set a Blanket Bail of \$25,000 cash, for Flannely's criminal charges. Flannely was then lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of bail.

The incident was investigated by Patrol Officers Brian McEwing, William Barcas and Detective Arthur Mason.

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AS HURRICANE SEASON PEAKS, LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE URGE RESIDENTS TO BE PREPARED

As the Hurricane Season peaks, the Lower Township Police Department is urging residents to be prepared in the event of a storm.

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue, who is also a member of the Township's Office of Emergency Management, noted that the majority of tropical storms in our area occur between late August and October with activity this season predicted to be above normal.

Donohue stated that it's important for residents and visitors alike to have a family evacuation plan in place prior to a storm's arrival.

We are in a unique position in Cape May County given the fact that there are no official shelters designated for county residents should a hurricane of Category One (1) strength or greater, make land fall in our area.

Donohue noted that computer generated models, provided by the County Office of Emergency Management, indicate that a large majority of Lower Township and Cape May County, would be under water from the storm surge of a Hurricane making land fall in the area with waters from the Atlantic Ocean and Delaware Bay flooding low lying areas, which is why there are no designated shelters in Cape May County as the majority of the county may be under water in the event of a direct hit;

That is why it's important that residents have a plan in place to evacuate to a location outside of Cape May County, preferably to a friend or relative's house well inland from the coast and/or a designated shelter located in another county.

As a storm approaches, our residents and visitors should know the difference between a Hurricane Watch and a Hurricane Warning.

A Hurricane Watch means Hurricane conditions may be expected within 48 hours.

A Hurricane Warning means Hurricane conditions may be expected within 36 hours.

Residents and visitors should monitor television and radio reports several days in advance of an approaching tropical storm.

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In order to evacuate Lower Township and Cape May County, the Evacuation Order would have to come from the Governor's Office and the New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management in cooperation with the Cape May County Office of Emergency Management at least 30 to 36 hours before the storm is expected to impact the area.

Chief Donohue noted that there is a contra-flow Reverse Lane Strategy Plan in place for the Garden State Parkway and portions of Route 47, that may be put into place for Cape May County depending on the severity of the storm and the time of the year that it was to impact our area.

In the event of an evacuation, in addition to TV and Radio Announcements, Lower Township would utilize its Reverse Emergency Notification System or Global Connect System to advise our residents of what precautions to take and what routes to take out of the area if an evacuation order was given.

The system can call any hard line or land line phone in Lower Township, whether listed or unlisted.

Residents and Visitors can also register their cell phones with the system by logging onto Lower Township's Website at townshipoflower.org and then clicking on the link for the Global Connect or Reverse Emergency Network System to register their cell phones with the township's DATA Base.

Donohue noted that many residents, especially our younger residents may not have a hard line phone and rely solely on their cell phones. In addition, residents visiting the area, especially at campgrounds and marinas, may only have access to their cell phones at the time that an evacuation order may be given, which is why it's important that our residents and visitors who rely on cell phones only should take advantage of our Reverse Emergency Network System and register their cell phones with the township.

Donohue noted that the same computer generated models that show that many of the Barrier Island Communities would be under water in the event of a land fall, also show that the area around the Cape May County Airport where the Lower Township Police Department is located, would not be affected from the storm surge of a Hurricane making land fall in Cape May County.

Therefore, the Lower Township Police Department would attempt to continue our operations at the Airport which would become an important staging area both before and after a major tropical storm or hurricane impacting Cape May County.

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Chief Donohue confirmed that the Lower Township Police Department has entered into an inter local agreement with Chief Robert Matteucci and the North Wildwood Police Department whereby equipment and personnel from the North Wildwood Police Department would be housed at the Lower Township Police Department in the event that an evacuation order for Cape May County was given.

Other municipalities have plans to store equipment and vehicles at the airport complex in Lower Township as well.

The Lower Township Police Department in cooperation with the Township's Office of Emergency Management Team which consist of Local OEM Officials, the Township Manager, Mayor, Police Command Staff Personnel, all three (3) of the Township's Fire Chiefs, Rescue Squad Personnel and DPW Officials, is urging all residents and visitors to be prepared in advance for any tropical storm and/or Hurricane that may impact our area during the next several months by;

Taking the following precautions:

- ◆ Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.
- ◆ Listen to NOAA Weather Radio for critical information from the National Weather Service.
- ◆ As the storm approaches, bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind; bicycles, trashcans, lawn furniture, etc.
- ◆ Turn off propane tanks and unplug all appliances.
- ◆ Fill your car's gas tank.
- ◆ Talk with members of your household and create an evacuation plan.
- ◆ Learn about your communities Hurricane Response Plan.
- ◆ Plan routes to shelters outside of Cape May County or Relative's or Friend's Homes outside of Cape May County.
- ◆ Be mindful of any neighbors or relatives who require special medical needs.
- ◆ Register any relatives that require special medical needs with your local police department.
- ◆ Evacuate immediately if advised to do so by authorities.

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Have the following items available;

- ◆ Water, at least a three (3) day supply; one (1) gallon per person per day.
- ◆ Food, at least a three (3) day supply of non perishable, easy to prepare food.
- ◆ Flashlight and extra Batteries.
- ◆ First Aid Kit.
- ◆ Any medications you may need.
- ◆ Copies of personal documents, birth certificate, driver's license, proof of address.
- ◆ Deed or Lease to your home.
- ◆ Passports.
- ◆ Insurance Policies.
- ◆ Cell phone with charger.
- ◆ Family and Emergency Contact information.
- ◆ Extra cash.
- ◆ Emergency Blankets.
- ◆ Maps of the Tri-State area.

Residents with small children or infants should have:

- ◆ Extra Formula, Baby Food, Diapers, etc.

Residents with pets should have:

- ◆ Adequate pet supplies, including food, an ID Tag, a Leash, etc.

Any Special Needs Residents who have difficulty walking or require Oxygen and certain medications and do not have any neighbors or relatives who would be able to transport them in the event of an evacuation, should call the Lower Township Police

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Department at 886-1619 ext. 114 and register their name and address with Captain Brian Marker.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE KEPT BUSY IN JULY

Lower Township Police Chief Edward Donohue reported that Police Officers responded to over **3,000** calls for service in July while arresting **52** adults for various violations.

Incidents in July included:

- 101 Disorderly calls**
- 55 Criminal Mischief Calls**
- 51 Thefts**
- 156 Emergency Medical calls with the Lower Township Rescue Squad**
- 56 Fire Alarm calls with the Township's three (3) fire departments**
- 35 Domestic Violence calls**
- 08 Domestic Violence with assault calls**
- 04 Simple Assaults**
- 01 Robbery**

In addition, Lower Township Police Officers responded to **64** motor vehicle accidents on Township roadways in July while conducting **476** motor vehicle stops and issuing **142** traffic summonses along with **40** traffic warning complaints.

Officers conducted **825** property checks while responding to **74** residential and commercial alarms.

Officers arrested eight (**8**) persons for driving while intoxicated, six (**6**) persons for possession of drugs. Three juveniles were arrested while Officers completed **106** investigation reports for the month.

One Police Officer was assaulted in the line of duty during the month of July.

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VEHICLE PURSUIT LEADS TO DWI AND RESISTING ARREST CHARGES

On Friday, August 13th at approximately 8:40 p.m., Lower Township Patrol Officer Patrick Greene observed a white 2000 Ford Escort with Pennsylvania registration traveling southbound on Bayshore Road in the Township's Villas Section.

The Officer observed the vehicle only had one working headlight on the motor vehicle after which the Officer conducted a motor vehicle stop on the vehicle for the headlight violation.

As the Officer was approaching the vehicle on foot, the driver fled the motor vehicle stop at a high rate of speed.

Officer Greene pursued the vehicle with his overhead lights and siren activated through several side streets in the area.

The driver of the vehicle then abandoned the vehicle on Village Road and attempted to flee the area on foot.

Officer Greene was then assisted by backup S/O. Joseph Gamble who arrived at the location.

The Officers pursued the male driver on foot through several yards prior to locating him, attempting to hide under a large raft near a backyard swimming pool.

The Officers then determined that the driver identified as Michael W. Bradley, age 35 of the 200 block of Cresse Avenue, Wildwood Crest, New Jersey was emitting a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage.

A computer check showed Bradley's driver's license was currently suspended.

Bradley was arrested at the scene and transported to the Lower Township Police Department for processing where he was charged with the following offenses:

Driving While Intoxicated through a School Zone
Eluding a Police Officer with a Motor Vehicle; being a third degree crime
Resisting Arrest by Fleeing on Foot
Obstruction of Justice
Driving While Suspended
Failure to Maintain Headlamps

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Bradley was placed on a warrant for the Eluding charge with Bail set by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge David Deweese at \$25,000 Cash.

Bradley was subsequently lodged in the Cape May County Jail in Default of Bail. The incident was investigated by Patrol Officers Patrick Greene, Matthew Dickinson and S/O. Joseph Gamble.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ARREST THREE AFTER BURGLARY IN PROGRESS CALL

On Tuesday, 08-24-10, at approximately 10:40 a.m. Lower Township Police Department received a 9-1-1 call reporting a burglary in progress in the 100 Block of East Miami Avenue in the Villas Section of Lower Township.

The homeowner reported that when he entered his home, two (2) males and a female ran out the back door.

Investigation on scene determined that the actors had forced entry into the building and then placed numerous pieces of property from the house, including firearms, near the back door in preparation of removing them from the property.

A description of the subjects was broadcast to Lower Township Police Units and a short time later, Lower Township Patrol Officer, Chris Lambert, observed several subjects matching the description, walking on Tomlin Avenue in the Villas.

The subjects, described as an adult male and an adult female and a 17 year old male, were all identified by the homeowner and then arrested without further incident.

Charges of Burglary and Criminal Mischief were filed against Damian M. Asher, age 22 of Manilla, Indiana and Melissa R. Cantrell, age 21 of Shellbeville, Indiana.

Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David DeWeese, set bail at \$15,000 each for Asher and Cantrell, who were both subsequently lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of bail.

A 17 year old juvenile was also charged with Burglary and Criminal Mischief and was later transported to the Juvenile Detention Center in Bridgeton, New Jersey, on those charges.

Law Enforcement Authorities in Indiana have advised the Lower Township Police Department that Damian Asher is a person of interest in several burglaries in that state as well.

The incident was investigated by Patrolman Christian Lambert, Patrolman Matthew Dickinson and Detective Michael Majane.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE “COP/STOP PROGRAM” CONTINUES

This month’s “Cop/Stop” will take place at the South Station Market located at 9850 Pacific Avenue in Wildwood Crest, Saturday August 28th, 2010, where Patrol Officer Darrin Hickok will be present from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm to answer any questions or comments citizens may have concerning the operations of the police department and literature on various community projects will also be available at that time.

The “Cop Stop Program” is a setting where Police Officers are available to interact with residents of the community in a relaxed atmosphere.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE RESPOND TO MAN WITH GUN, CALL

On Tuesday, 08-24-10, at approximately 9:30 a.m. the Lower Township Police Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call from a juvenile in the 100 Block of Fieldview Drive in the North Cape May Section of the Township.

The juvenile indicated that a man in the home was involved in an argument with a female in the residence and that the man just went upstairs and picked up a shotgun.

Lower Township Patrol Officers immediately responded to the scene and set up a perimeter around the home while Police Dispatchers attempted to have the juvenile and female exit the residence.

Officers were on scene for a short time when the juvenile and female exited the residence followed by the male actor, who was immediately taken to the ground at gun point.

Officers then entered the residence to clear the home in an attempt to locate any firearms, victims or additional suspects.

While clearing the house, officers located a Mossberg, 12 gauge shotgun with pistol grip and numerous rounds of 12 gauge ammunition in a bandolier and ammo box.

In addition, officers observed a small amount of suspected Marijuana in a pipe, out in plain view, which was confiscated as well.

Investigation on scene determined that a husband and wife had been involved in a verbal domestic argument, when the male, identified as James A. Morris, age 34, of the 100 Block of Fieldview Drive in North Cape May, went to the second floor of the residence and picked up a 12 gauge shotgun which was locked at the trigger guard with a cable lock and was attempting to find the key to the lock while holding a live shotgun shell.

Based on statements made to patrol officers at the scene, Morris was transported under police guard to Cape Regional Medical Center for an evaluation;

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And was subsequently charged on a warrant with the following offenses:

Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, being a 2nd Degree Crime, Specifically by retrieving a shotgun during a Domestic Violence argument for the purpose of intimidating others.

Harrassment for Engaging in a Course of Alarming Conduct during a Domestic Violence Incident.

Possession of Marijuana, under 50 grms.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The incident is under investigation by Patrolman Patrick Greene, Patrolman Darrin Hickok and Detective Michael Majane.

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CAR STOP LEADS TO LARGE SEIZURE OF MARIJUANA

On Friday, September 3rd, at approximately 11:30 p.m. Lower Township's Special Officers, Michael Kennedy and Eric Halbruner attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop on a white Hyundai, Tiburon in the area of Walnut and Bayshore Roads, for a violation of the tinted windows statute.

The vehicle then made a turn onto Cloverdale Avenue and the officers observed the passenger throw a lighted cigar shaped object, from the vehicle.

As the officers approached the vehicle on foot, they could smell a string odor of burnt Marijuana.

S/O Kennedy then observed loose green vegetation, believed to be Marijuana, on the driver's lap and S/O Halbruner observed a hand rolled cigar or blunt, on the floor board by the front seat passenger.

The officers then had the driver and passenger exit the vehicle, at which point the officers observed a small plastic bag of green vegetation, believed to be Marijuana, on the front seat.

A search of the vehicle then yielded two (2) large bags containing suspected Marijuana, a pipe, a grinder and a bottle of Whiskey.

At that time, the driver identified as Dominic Fiorentino, age 19 of the 200 Block of Florida Avenue, Villas, New Jersey, and the passenger, identified as James Monaghan, age 18 of the 400 Block of East Miami Avenue, Villas, New Jersey, were placed under arrest and transported to the Lower Township Police Department where they were both charged with Possession of Marijuana over 50 gms. and Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Distribute.

In addition, Fiorentino was also charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage While Under Legal Age, along with motor vehicle summonses for Unsafe Window Glazing, Open Alcoholic Container in a Motor Vehicle and Possession of CDS in a Motor Vehicle.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE RESPOND TO MORE THEN 400 INCIDENTS OVER THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND

From Friday, September 3rd through Monday, September 6th, Lower Township Police Officers responded to over **415** Calls For Service to include;

22 Emergency Medical Calls with the Lower Township Rescue Squad
17 Suspicious Person or Vehicle Calls
15 Disorderly Conduct Calls
14 Local Ordinance Violations
07 Thefts
06 Criminal Mischief Complaints
06 Domestic Violence Calls
02 Domestic Violence Calls with mandatory arrest
08 Animal Complaints
02 Assaults
01 Burglary
05 Harassment Complaints
02 Trespassing Complaints

In addition, Lower Township Police Officers investigated **07** Motor Vehicle Accidents over the weekend while conducting a total of **84** Motor Vehicle Stops.

Officers also made **02** arrests for Driving While Intoxicated and **02** persons were arrested for Narcotics Violations, while **05** persons were arrested for outstanding Bench Warrants.

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MAN ARRESTED IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSAULT

On Sunday, September 5th, at approximately 2 a.m. Lower Township Police Officers responded to the 100 Block of Arbor Road for a report of a woman screaming in the street.

Officers conducted a motor vehicle stop on a vehicle that was observed leaving the scene and located a 28 year old female, who had bruising around her left eye and a cut on her hand.

The female victim stated that she had a heated verbal argument with her boyfriend, identified as Herman Hansen, age 27 of the 100 Block of Arbor Road, Villas, New Jersey.

The victim advised officers that Hansen then physically assaulted her and attempted to strangle her during the argument.

Lower Township Rescue Squad responded to the scene to evaluate the victim.

Hansen was arrested at the scene and was transported to Lower Township Police Department where he was charged with Assault during a Domestic Violence Incident.

Hansen was lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of \$2,500 bail set by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David DeWeese.

The victim refused medical treatment and did not request a Temporary Restraining Order from police officers.

The incident was investigated by Patrol Officer Jennifer Anzelone.

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MAN CHARGED WITH VIOLATING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER, BURGLARY AND CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

On Sunday, September 5th, at approximately 12:30 p.m. the Lower Township Police Department received a report from a female in the 100 Block of West Pacific Avenue, indicating that her residence had been broken into and that someone had piled her clothing in the middle of the bedroom then poured bleach all over the clothing.

An investigation conducted by Lower Township Patrol Officer Ryan Hansberry and Detective Michael Majane, led to the arrest of the victim's estranged husband, identified as David C. Fessler, age 29 of the 200 Block of East Pacific Avenue, Villas, New Jersey.

Fessler was lodged in the Cape May County Jail on \$30,000 cash bail, set by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David DeWeese After he was charged with the following offenses:

Violation of a Domestic Violence Restraining Order
4th Degree charge of Criminal Mischief and
3rd Degree charge of Burglary

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DISORDERLY MAN ARRESTED IN LOWER TOWNSHIP AFTER SCUFFLE WITH POLICE

The Lower Township Police Department reported that they received a call at approximately 11:15pm on September 8th 2010 from a resident of the 600 block of Wayne Avenue in the North Cape May section of Lower Township, reporting a disorderly person banging on their door.

Upon police arrival the suspect fled back across the street and into his home. When police inquired further at his residence which is also located in the 600 block of Wayne Avenue, he became highly irate and combative. He then exited his home, charged at the police and began swinging his arms and fists at the two officers. At this point, Patrolman Ryan Hansberry who was off duty at the time assisted in apprehending the suspect and stopping the ongoing assault of the uniformed officers.

Patrolman Hansberry sustained several scrapes and bruising of his ankle and knee area during the incident, he was later treated for these injuries at Cape Urgent Care and released.

The suspect identified as James J. O'Neill, 39 years of age who resides in the 600 block of Wayne Avenue was arrested and charged on a warrant. He was charged with 3 counts of aggravated assault on the police officers and was transported to the Cape Regional Hospital for evaluation.

The case was investigated by Patrolman Bohn, Special Officer Fanelli and Corporal Macomber.



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SHOTS FIRED IN LOWER TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED

The Lower Township Police Department received a call regarding shots fired at approximately 3:50 am on September 11, 2010 and upon police response they located a Ryan Toler 21 years of age at his residence in the 600 block of Railroad Avenue in the Erma section of Lower Township. Upon further investigation police located 5 spent shotgun shells outside the home in the driveway area.

Investigation on scene determined that Mr. Toler earlier had been involved in an altercation at the Bolero Bar in the City Of Wildwood during the Roar to the Shore Weekend in which he entered into a physical altercation with a Randy Coco 20 years of age of the 400 block of Route 47 in the Green Creek section of Middle Township.

Toler advised police that Coco had called him numerous times after the altercation threatening to do harm to him and burn down his house. A short time later Coco arrived at Toler's residence with other unknown subjects and after exiting the vehicle, Toler advised police that he then fired the shotgun into the air in an attempt to scare him away.

The investigation lead to police officers interviewing Mr. Coco after the incident and he informed them that Toler had fired the shotgun in his direction and not into the air as Toler had stated. Toler was then arrested at the scene and taken to the Lower Township Police Department for processing.

Ryan Toler was charged with the following offense:

- **Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon**
- **Unlawful possession of a weapon**
- **Possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose**
- **Possession of a loaded shotgun**

Bail was set at \$50,000.00 cash by Judge David DeWeese JMC and Toler was transferred to the Cape May County Correctional center in lieu of bail.

The Case was investigated by Patrolman Robert Hartman Jr., Patrolman Chris Lambert, Corporal Kevin Boyle and Detective First Class Mel Hedum.



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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE “COP/STOP PROGRAM” CONTINUES

This month’s “Cop/Stop” will take place at Lower Township Police Headquarters located at 405 Breakwater Road in Erma, Saturday September 25th, 2010, where Special Officer Kevin Boyle Jr. will be present from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm to answer any questions or comments citizens may have concerning the operations of the police department and literature on various community projects will also be available at that time.

This months Cop/Stop coincides with “Operation Take Back New Jersey” prescription drug drop off program.

The “Cop Stop Program” is a setting where Police Officers are available to interact with residents of the community in a relaxed atmosphere.

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OPERATION TAKE BACK NEW JERSEY/ PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF PROGRAM Lower Township Police to collect unwanted/expired prescription (RX) drugs.

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue recently announced that the Lower Township Police Department will once again be participating in Operation Take Back New Jersey, known last year as Operation Medicine Cabinet, whereby residents can turn in any unwanted or expired prescription medicines or drugs to their local police departments.

The event will be held on Saturday, September 25th, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Lower Township residents and visitors can turn over any unwanted or expired prescription medications that they may have in their medicine cabinets, in the main lobby of the Lower Township Public Safety Building located in the Cape May County Airport Complex off of Breakwater Road in the township's Erma Section.

Last year over 400 Law Enforcement Agencies in New Jersey helped to collect over 9000 pounds of old, unwanted or expired painkillers, anti-depressants, and other medications.

The program is anonymous and individuals disposing of medications will not be required to produce identification.

Residents may dispose of medication either in its original container or by removing medication from its container and disposing directly into the drug disposal box located at the police department.

If the original container is submitted, residents are encouraged to remove the prescription label if it contains any personal identifying information.

Liquid products, such as cough medicines, should remain sealed in their original containers.

Syringes and other sharp instruments will not be accepted.

The event is sponsored by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, the Drug Enforcement Administration and The State Attorney General's Office in cooperation with the New Jersey National Guard.

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VANDALISM INCIDENTS INCREASE AT MULLIGAN FIELD POLICE ADOPT ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR CURFEW VIOLATIONS AT THE COMPLEX

Criminal Mischief incidents involving spray paint, malicious damage and even minor arson incidents have increased at the Mulligan Field Sports Complex in the Villas Section of Lower Township over the last several months.

Lieutenant Thomas Keywood, Patrol Bureau Commander for the police Department, indicated that the police department has invested numerous manpower hours into property checks at the complex, enforcement of curfew violations and periodic arrests.

However, vandalism continues to be a problem at the field which has baseball, soccer and hockey facilities as well as a playground and basketball courts.

As a result of the recent criminal mischief at the Mulligan Field, Lower Township Police Chief Edward Donohue has issued a Zero Tolerance Policy to his Officers for any juveniles found on the Township property after the hours established in the Township's local ordinance regarding curfew violations.

The Lower Township Police Department would like to remind juveniles and their parents/guardians of the curfew regulations in Lower Township.

Curfew Hours:

It shall be unlawful for a juvenile to be on any public street or any public place in the Township of Lower between the following hours:

Juveniles under 14 years of age 10 pm to 6 am
Juveniles ages 14 through 17 between September 15th and May 15th, 11 pm to 6 am and
Between May 15th and September 15th, 12 midnight to 6 am

The juvenile and their parent and/or guardian are both subject to a written warning for the first offense.

If there is a subsequent violation by the juvenile within one year of the initial warning, a formal complaint summons will be signed against the juvenile and their parent and/or guardian.

Any person convicted of a violation of this local ordinance shall be subject to the performance of not more than 180 days of community service or a fine of not more than \$1,000 or both. If

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both the juvenile and the juvenile's parent or guardian are convicted of a violation of this chapter, they shall be required to perform community service together.

The Lower Township Police Department would also like to remind residents that the Mulligan Field Sports Complex is closed after 9 pm and no one should be on the property after 9 pm.

Any residents observing suspicious and/or criminal activity at the Mulligan Field Sports Complex are asked to call the Lower Township Police Department at 886-2711 for non-emergencies and 9-1-1 for emergent matters.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ARREST MAN FOLLOWING A BURGLARY IN PROGRESS CALL

On Wednesday, September 29th, at approximately 5:20 p.m. the Lower Township Police Communication Center received a 9-1-1 call from an off duty Cape May County Sheriff's Department Officer, reporting a possible burglary in progress at a home in the 800 Block of Washington Boulevard in the township's North Cape May Section.

Lower Township Patrol Officers immediately responded to the scene and spoke with the reporting party, Officer William Weatherby, Jr. who was able to give a detailed description of a suspect who he saw attempting to kick in the garage door of a vacant home.

The suspect described as a white male in his early 20's, wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans with a crew cut, fled the area on a bicycle before police arrival.

When officers checked the residence they found that an air conditioner had been removed from a window and the window glass had then been broken in order to gain entry into the home.

Officers entered the home and observed fresh blood on the floor of the residence and noted that several rooms had been ransacked, causing significant damage to several items in the residence.

A short time later, Lower Township Detective Michael Majane, observed a subject in the parking lot of the Citgo Gas Station in North Cape May, matching the description of the burglary suspect.

Majane was backed up at the gas station by Patrol Officer Matthew Dickinson, who observed that the subject was bleeding from a laceration on his hand.

The subject identified as Leaming B. Johnston, age 25, of the 900 Block of Holmes Avenue in North Cape May, was subsequently arrested for Burglary and Criminal Mischief after being positively identified by Sheriff's Department Officer Weatherby.

Johnston was processed at the Lower Township Police Department and lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of bail.

The incident is under investigation by Patrol Officer Matthew Dickinson and Detective Michael Majane.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT HELPS PROMOTE ANNUAL “PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY”

Lower Township – Motorists in New Jersey and throughout the nation are asked to join a day-long effort on October 10, 2010, designed to increase awareness about safe driving behaviors and keep the State’s roadways fatality free for one day.

Known as “**Put The Brakes On Fatalities Day**,” the national initiative was designed to unite the country in moving toward zero fatalities for one full day by encouraging motorists to obey all traffic laws, including buckling up, every ride; driving the posted speed limit; avoiding distractions while driving; and always being safe and sober behind the wheel.

To support this effort, Lower Township Police Department will be promoting the Annual **Put The Brakes On Fatalities Day**.

Last year in New Jersey, 583 individuals lost their lives in motor vehicle-related crashes, down from 590 in 2008. The decline continues a three-year downward trend in motor vehicle fatalities and marks the lowest number of recorded motor vehicle deaths in the State since the 1940’s.

“Clearly, this effort will go a long way in our continuing efforts to stem the tide of tragedies that occur every day on New Jersey’s roadways,” Lt. Keywood said. “Shining the spotlight on this one day can help create a groundswell of support for good driving behaviors that can carry over throughout the year.”

Police departments throughout New Jersey will be asked to report crash information, including the total number of crashes, injury crashes and fatalities that occur on October 10th, to the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, the State’s lead traffic safety agency. The Division will post this information on its website and distribute it to the media.

Approximately 72 percent of the 498 police agencies in the State, as well as the State Police, reported their crash data to the Division following the 2009 “Put The Brakes on Fatalities Day. A total of 789 crashes took place in New Jersey on that day, resulting in 165 injuries and two fatalities.

“Put The Brakes on Fatalities Day not only raises awareness about the individual responsibility we have for our driving behaviors, but also engages drivers in making positive changes behind-the-wheel every day of the year,” Lt. Keywood added.

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Additional information on the “**Put The Brakes on Fatalities Day**” is available by logging on to www.brakesonfatalities.org.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICER ASSAULTED AFTER REPORT OF A LARGE FIGHT IN THE STREET

On Friday, October 1st at approximately 8:25 p.m., Lower Township Special Officer Kevin Boyle, Jr. responded to a report of a large fight in progress between multiple subjects in the area of Teal and Holmes Avenues in the North Cape May Section of Lower Township.

S/O. Boyle observed at least eight (8) subjects in the street with two male subjects involved in a physical altercation.

S/O. Boyle separated the two subjects and was then physically assaulted by one of them identified as Barret Brown, age 20 of Hereford Avenue, Cape May Court House, New Jersey.

S/O. Boyle was able to quickly subdue and restrain Barret and placed him under arrest for aggravated assault on a police officer.

While escorting Barret to a patrol vehicle, Barret intentionally spit blood from his mouth onto S/O. Boyle, Cpl. Edward Dougherty and Patrol Officer Jennifer Anzelone.

Barret was transported to the Lower Township Police Department where he was charged with the following offenses:

One count of aggravated assault on a police officer
Three counts of throwing bodily fluids on a police officer

Barret was lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of \$15,000 cash bail set by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge David DeWeese.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS ASSAULTED AT CAMPGROUND

On Saturday, October 2nd at approximately 12:50 a.m., Lower Township Police Officer William McPherson was dispatched to the Beachcomber Campground in the Erma Section of Lower Township for a report of an intoxicated and disorderly subject at the campground.

The manager of the campground advised the officer that a guest at the campsite identified as Michael Callahan, age 48 of Sportswood, New Jersey was being loud and disorderly and using abusive language and that several other campers had complained about Callahan's actions.

When told about the complaints by the manager, Callahan demanded to know who complained about him and then threatened to kill whoever complained.

The campground then called the Lower Township Police Department to have Callahan removed from the property.

When Patrolman McPherson approached Callahan, the subject demanded that the officer who was in full uniform at the time, produce identification. Callahan then suddenly attacked the officer punching him several times. Callahan was brought to the ground and arrested by Officer McPherson and Cpl. Edward Dougherty who had arrived for back up.

While handcuffing Callahan, other males at the campsite began yelling at the officers to leave Callahan alone.

Then while escorting Callahan to his patrol vehicle, Officer McPherson was approached by a male subject identified as Carlos E. Leon, age 21 of Sayerville, New Jersey in an aggressive manner and refused verbal commands from the officer to back off.

Leon then began to wrestle with the officer and both the officer and Leon went to the ground where Leon continued to wrestle with the officer.

At that point, Cpl. Dougherty ran to Officer McPherson's location and discharged his pepper mace at Leon. However, Leon continued to resist arrest and had to be physically restrained by the officers before being handcuffed.

Callahan and Leon were then transported to Lower Township Police Department for processing where Michael Callahan was charged with one (1) count of Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest and Disorderly Conduct.



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Carlos Leon was charged with two (2) counts of Aggravated Assault on Police Officers, Resisting Arrest and Obstruction of Justice.

Leon was subsequently lodged in the Cape May County Jail on Default of \$10,000 cash bail set by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge David DeWeese.

Both Lower Township Officers were injured in the incident with Officer McPherson sustaining injuries to his knee, elbow and neck as well as swelling to an eye and a bloody lip.

Cpl. Dougherty sustained a knee injury during the struggle.

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Lower Township Police Release Summer Seasonal Activities Report

Lower Township Police Chief Edward P. Donohue reports that the Lower Township Police Department responded to and/or investigated **14,585** Calls for Service during the Summer Seasonal Period from May through September 2010.

During that time Officers investigated **176** Domestic Violence complaints, **27** of which involved assaults while handling criminal complaints which included the following offenses:

- **Robberies: 4**
- **Aggravated Assault: 5**
- **Simple Assaults: 42**
- **Burglaries: 43**
- **Thefts: 208**
- **Stolen Motor Vehicles: 5**
- **Aggravated Sexual Assault: 2**
- **Other Sexual Offenses: 4**
- **Aggravated Assaults on Police Officers: 2**

Lower Townships Officers responded to and/or investigated **270** Motor Vehicle Accidents on Lower Township Roadways while conducting a total of **2,466** Motor Vehicle Stops which resulted in **872** Traffic Summons being issued along with **218** Traffic Warnings issued.

Officers also issued **12** Local Ordinance Complaints along with **33** Warnings for Local Ordinance Violations.

Total arrests made during the summer period include **214** Adult Arrests with **17** Juvenile Arrests in addition Lower Township Police officers arrested **32** Drivers for Operating a Motor Vehicle while Intoxicated over the course of the summer season.

Officers assisted Lower Township Rescue Squad with over **650** Emergency Medical Calls and responded to **247** Fire Alarm Call Outs with the Townships Three Fire Departments.

Patrol Officers Responded to **307** Commercial and Residential Alarms, **431** Disorderly Conduct Complaints, **176** Criminal Mischief Complaints, and along with Animal Control Officers **827** Animal Complaints.

Officers responded to **79** 9-1-1 Hang-up calls that had to be investigated while taking Juvenile Curfew Enforcement Action **16** Times. Officers responded to **51** Trespassing Complaints while completing **27** ABC Liquor Law Inspections.

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Officers responded to **520** calls of Suspicious Persons or Vehicles and arrested **97** people on Active Warrants along with **12** subjects for Resisting Arrest Violations.

Officers responded to **5** Attempted Suicide Calls while conducting a total of **13** Sudden Death Investigations, **2** of which were ruled Suicide, one by a Self-Inflicting Gun Shot, and one with a Cutting Instrument. One Sudden Death Investigation was ruled an Accidental Drowning while the remaining **10** death investigations were ruled non suspicious in nature.

The Detective and Patrol Divisions conducted numerous Drug / Narcotic Investigations which resulted in the arrests of **22** subjects for Possession of Narcotics.

Officers Completed **500** Investigations Reports while conducting **4,291** Residential Property Checks throughout Lower Township during the summer reporting period.



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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ADMINISTER CPR TO MOTORIST FOLLOWING DRUG OVERDOSE

On Wednesday, October 27th at approximately 4:10 p.m., Lower Township Patrol Officer C. J. Ryan was flagged down by an hysterical female driver of a gold, 1998 Dodge Durango on Star Avenue in the Township's Villas section.

The woman was frantic and advised the Officer that her friend, who was lying in the back seat of her motor vehicle, was not breathing.

At this time, the Lower Township Rescue Squad was dispatched to the area as well.

Officer Ryan then checked on a white male in his 30's who was found to be unconscious and unresponsive and not breathing in the rear of the motor vehicle.

Officer Ryan was then assisted at the scene by Patrol Officer Chris Lambert and S/O. Joseph Gamble.

The Officers removed the male from the vehicle and upon determining that the victim had no pulse, immediately initiated CPR.

Upon arriving, the Lower Township Rescue Squad continued resuscitation efforts on the victim.

Additional investigation by Police Officers at the scene, determined that the victim had ingested Fentanyl.

Paramedics arrived on scene and administered narcan to the victim.

The victim was revived following resuscitation efforts and was subsequently transported to Cape Regional Medical Center.

Neighbors in the area advised Police Officers that a white male and a black male were observed exiting the motor vehicle and were screaming that they had to get their friend into a shower right away.

The two male subjects then fled the area on foot prior to police arrival.

Following resuscitation efforts, the male victim made a complete recovery and the incident is currently under investigation by the Lower Township Detective Bureau.



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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE RESCUE MAN IN POND AT LAKE LAURIE CAMPGROUND

On Thursday, October 27th at approximately 12:30 p.m., Lower Township Police Officers rescued a man from a fresh water pond after the man had entered the water to assist animal control officers in capturing a swan that had been tangled in fishing line.

Lower Township Animal Control Officer Steven Parker had been called to the campground earlier in an attempt to capture a large swan that had fishing line around its beak and wing.

Lake Laurie maintenance worker Joseph Tobin had entered the water to assist the animal control officer. Tobin stated that he underestimated how cold the water was and began to cramp up, however he was able to grab onto a float in the middle of the pond.

ACO Parker, then requested Police assistance at the scene.

Lower Township Police Officers, Sergeant John Chew, Corporal Edward Dougherty and Patrolman C. J. Ryan all responded to the campground.

Corporal Dougherty was able to reach the victim utilizing a rescue disc. The large orange disc that resembles a frisbee with yellow floating rope wrapped around it, has been carried in Lower Township Police cars since 1998.

Lower Township Police Chief Edward Donohue praised the efforts of his Officers noting that Corporal Dougherty was able to make a perfect throw of the device, which the victim was able to grab onto after which Police Officers pulled him to shore with the assistance of ACO Parker.

Chief Donohue noted that Corporal Dougherty has submitted his retirement papers and will go out on leave shortly with his last day of work being sometime in early November.

"I can't think of a better way to end your career than by saving someone's life," Donohue stated.

Tobin was treated at the scene by Lower Township Rescue Squad, but refused transportation to the hospital.

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JUVENILE ON MOPED ARRESTED FOR DWI IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

On Wednesday, November 3, 2010, while on routine patrol in the North Cape May Section of Lower Township, Patrol Officer Jennifer Anzelone observed a 17 year old male operating a moped without headlights at approximately 8 pm in the area of Bayshore and Old Mill Drive

Officer Anzelone also observed a 16 year old male running in the roadway directly behind the moped.

Officer Anzelone then conducted a motor vehicle stop on the moped and detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from both juveniles.

After further investigation, the 17 year old driver of the moped was arrested and transported to the Lower Township Police Department for a breathalyzer test, after which he was charged with the following offenses:

Driving While Intoxicated
Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by a Minor

Along with motor vehicle summonses for:

Failure to Use Headlights
Being an Unlicensed Driver

The 16 year old male juvenile was also issued a Local Ordinance for:

Underage Consumption of Alcohol.

The moped was towed and impounded as per the John's Law requirements. Both juveniles were then released to their parents.

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Patrol Bureau Commander



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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE SEEK PUBLIC'S HELP IN LOCATING MISSING MAN

The Lower Township Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in locating Thomas Roche, age 34, of Silvia Avenue in the North Cape May Section of Lower Township.

Roche was reported missing by his mother on November 1st, he was last seen on October 29th.

Police have reason to believe that Roche was on his way to the Atlantic City Casinos at that time.

Detective Lieutenant William Mastriana of the Lower Township Police Department confirmed that Roche was employed as a Full Time Police Dispatcher with the Wildwood Crest Police Department and as a Part Time Relief Dispatcher with the Lower Township Police Department.

The Wildwood Crest Police Department, as well as the Atlantic City Police Department and the New Jersey State Police Casino Gaming Bureau, are assisting the Lower Township Police Department with their investigation.

Roche was last seen operating a silver 2009, Ford Escape, bearing New Jersey Registration No. ZBU74N.

Thomas Roche is described as a white male, age 34, 5'5" tall, weighing approximately 180 pounds with short brown hair and black eyes. Roche normally wears glasses

Roche was last seen wearing an Eagle's Visor, gray Phillies Sweatshirt with the wording "Rollins" on the back of the sweat shirt, black shorts and silver sneakers.

Anyone having information on the whereabouts of Thomas Roche or his motor vehicle, is asked to call the Lower Township Detective Division at 609-886-1619, ext. 125.

Please see attached flyer with photo of missing subject.

Press Release Prepared By:

Detective Lieutenant William Mastriana
Detective Bureau Commander

Missing Person

Date: 11/1/2010

Case #: 10-1514R

Author ID: DS5219

NIC #: M739155794
Last Name: ROCHE
First Name: THOMAS
Nickname: N/A
Alias: N/A
Age: 34
Gender: MALE
Height: 5'05"
Weight: 180
Eyes: BLACK
Hair: BROWN
Complexion: FAIR
Race: WHITE
Date of birth: 07-29-76
Date of last contact: 10-29-10
Scars, marks, tattoos: UNK.



LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THE ABOVE PICTURED SUBJECT. SAME WAS LAST SEEN ON 10-29-10 WEARING AN EAGLES VISOR, GREY PHILLIES SWEATSHIRT W/ ROLLINS ON BACK, BLACK SHORTS, AND SILVER SHOES.

VEHICLE INFO: 2009 SILVER FORD ESCAPE / NJ REGISTRATION - ZBU74N

IF LOCATED PLEASE CONTACT THE LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 609-886-2711.

BOLO# 10-197

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Seventeen Year Old Airlifted After Being Ejected From Pick Up Truck in Lower Township

On Saturday evening, November 20th, at approximately 11:50 p.m. the Lower Township Police Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call from the area of Oreo's Pit reporting that a 17 year old male was ejected from the bed of a pick up truck that was jumping dunes in the area and that the boy was seriously injured.

Lower Township Police and Rescue Units responded to the large gravel pit area located just south of the Cape May Canal Railroad Bridge.

Police investigation on scene determined that Brian Kurtz, Jr., age 18 of the 600 Block of Crawford Road in the Erma Section of Lower Township, was operating a 1986 Chevy S10 pick up truck in the pit area with two (2) 16 year old males and one (1) 17 year old male riding in the bed of his truck.

Kurtz then accelerated up a large sand dune hill. Upon reaching the top of the hill, one (1) passenger jumped out of the back of the truck just before the vehicle went air born. At that time the 17 year old passenger was ejected from the bed of the vehicle and fell a significant height before hitting the ground.

The pick up truck traveled approximately 41 feet through the air before forcibly striking the ground and breaking its frame before finally coming to rest approximately 100 feet away from the top of the sand hill.

The 17 year old male was treated for his injuries which included a possible broken leg, by members of the Lower Township Rescue Squad and Paramedics, before being airlifted by South Star Medivac, to the Atlantic City Trauma Center.

The driver of the truck was issued motor vehicle summonses for Reckless Driving, Allowing Passengers to Ride on Parts Not Intended and Failure to Wear a Seat Belt.

The juvenile passengers who were riding in the bed of the truck were also issued motor vehicle summonses for riding on a Portion of the Vehicle Not Intended For Passengers.

The accident investigation was conducted by CPL. William Priole.

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CAR BURGLARIES AND CRIMINAL MISCHIEF INCIDENTS CONTINUE IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

Numerous motor vehicles were entered and items were removed over the course of the weekend, in Lower Township.

Vehicles were entered in the North Cape May and Villas Sections of Lower Township to include the following streets:

**Lincoln Boulevard
Bay Drive
Tahoe Drive
Cedardale Avenue
Broadway Avenue
Weber Avenue**

Items stolen included; wallets, loose change, dvd players and GPS Units.

Once again the majority of the vehicles that were entered were unlocked.

Criminal Mischief incidents were also reported on Saturday morning, November 20th, with five (5) residents reporting that large landscaping bricks had been thrown through their vehicle windows or windshields.

Vehicle windows were smashed on:

**Florida Avenue
Miami Avenue
Delaware Parkway**

In addition, numerous residents throughout Lower Township reported having their houses and property hit with pink paintballs over the weekend.

Several residents reported observing a small silver or gold motor vehicle shooting pink paintballs from a paintball gun at their property.

Once again, Lower Township Police Department is asking all residents to please secure their vehicles when not in use and to report any suspicious activity to the Lower Township Police Department's Safe Neighborhood's Tip Line at 609-886-1619 ext. 156 or in the event of an emergency, to call 9-1-1 for immediate police response.

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE MAKE ARREST IN CAR BURGLARIES

On Sunday, November 21st, at approximately 1:30 a.m. the Lower Township Police Department received a 9-1-1 call from a resident in the 400 Block of Tahoe Drive.

The caller reported that he just observed a male subject enter then exit his camper that was parked outside.

Patrol Officers responded to the area and located a Jesse Pentlicki, age 20 of 8th Street in the Del Haven Section of Middle Township, walking in the area of Shadeland Avenue.

As officers approached Pentlicki, they observed him throwing numerous items out of his pockets onto the ground.

A warrants check on Pentlicki revealed an outstanding warrant for his arrest out of Lower Township Municipal Court.

Pentlicki was arrested on the outstanding warrant.

Additional investigation on scene determined that the items Pentlicki removed from his pockets and attempted to throw away were in fact stolen from motor vehicles in the immediate area.

Pentlicki was then transported to the Lower Township Police Department where he was also charged with Burglary and Theft with bail set by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, David DeWeese at \$25,000 full cash.

Pentlicki was subsequently lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of bail.

Lower Township Police are asking anyone who may have had items stolen from their motor vehicles on or about November 20th and November 21st, to contact the Lower Township Detective Division at 609-886-1619 ext. 125 to confirm if police may be in possession of your property.

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue, credited the caller with reporting the suspicious person. "Obviously many police departments are having to do more with less these days," Donohue said. "This was a great example of a citizen being an extra set of eyes for us which led to a successful arrest and recovery of property."



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The Chief noted that the township is continuing to experience car burglaries and criminal mischief incidents in the northern end of the township and ask residents to continue to report any suspicious activity in their neighborhoods.

The incident is under investigation by Sergeant David Adams, Patrol Officer Michael Szemcsak and the Lower Township Detective Division.

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NUMEROUS MAIL BOXES DELIBERATELY DAMAGED IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

Early Wednesday morning, at approximately 5 a.m. on November 23rd, Lower Township Patrol Officers began finding numerous smashed or damaged mail boxes throughout the Bayside Village area in the Villas Section of Lower Township.

Officers reported the following streets had multiple mail boxes destroyed or damaged:

Shadeland Avenue
Cedardale Avenue
Hollywood Avenue
Village Road

The damaged mail boxes come on a string of criminal mischief incidents reported lately throughout the township.

Police are asking anyone who may have information on these incidents to contact the Lower Township Police Department's Safe Neighborhoods Tip Line at 609-886-1619, ext. 156 or Cape May County Crime Stoppers at 609-465-2800. All information will remain confidential and may be reported anonymously.

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MAN'S CAR BROKEN INTO AT PONDERLODGE

The Lower Township Police Department is investigating a burglary and theft from a man's vehicle while the vehicle was parked in the parking lot of the Villas Wildlife Management Area on Sunday, December 5th, at approximately 2:30 p.m.

The man advised police officers that he had parked his vehicle to walk his dog on the nature trails and that when he returned, someone had pried open his glove box, breaking the lock off of the glove box and then removed approximately \$470 in cash contained in a Sturdy Savings Bank envelope and a pair of binoculars.

Anyone having information on this incident is asked to contact the Lower Township Police Department's Safe Neighborhoods Tip Line at 609-886-1619 ext. 156.

The incident is under investigation by Patrol Officer William Barcas.

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WOMAN'S CAR STOLEN FOLLOWING BURGLARY TO HER RESIDENCE

The Lower Township Police Department is investigating a theft of a 2009 Cadillac, which was stolen from Arizona Avenue on Friday, December 3rd.

Investigation on scene determined that a white, 2009 Cadillac CTS, was stolen between 2:30 a.m. and 4 :30 a.m. following a burglary and theft from a woman's residence in the 300 Block of Arizona Avenue located in the Villas Section of Lower Township.

Police report that the woman was home at the time of the break in when a person(s) unknown entered her residence through an unlocked sliding glass door and removed her purse and car keys.

Lower Township Police Department entered the stolen vehicle into the National Crime Information Computer Network, (NCIC), and issued a "be on the look out for the stolen motor vehicle."

Lower Township Detectives are following up on several leads in the case with several other law enforcement agencies.

The incident is under investigation by Patrol Officer Jennifer Anzelone and Detective Joseph Boyle.

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WOMAN SHOPLIFTER ARRESTED AT VILLAS CVS PHARMACY

On Wednesday, December 8th, at approximately 8:40 p.m. Lower Township Patrol Officers were called to the Villas CVS Store for a shoplifter.

The manager of the CVS Store advised officers that store employees had detained a 49 year old female for shoplifting numerous items in the store.

When officers ran a warrants check on the subject identified as Tammy Lynn Fulcher, age 49 of the 100 Block of Greenwood Avenue in the Villas Section of Lower Township.

Fulcher was found to have an active Contempt of Court Warrant out of Middle Township Municipal Court for her arrest.

Fulcher was transported to Lower Township Police Department for processing where she was charged with one count of Shoplifting, after which she was lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of bail on the Middle Township Contempt of Court Warrant.

The incident was investigated by Patrol Officer, Charles Ryan.

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