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Press Release

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LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ARREST SUSPECT IN MULTIPLE CAR BURGLARIES

On Saturday, March 19th, while patrolling in the Villas Section of the township, Lower Township Police Officer William McPherson observed a male subject exit a motor vehicle on Walnut Avenue.

At the time the suspect was wearing a dark hooded sweat shirt, dark jeans, black gloves and black sneakers.

Officer McPherson immediately exited his patrol vehicle and detained the subject for questioning, knowing that there have been numerous thefts from motor vehicles in that area recently.

Further investigation on scene determined that the subject, identified as Jason Wagner, age 27 of the 100 Block of East Greenwood Avenue, Villas, New Jersey, was found to be in possession of a pocketbook and other items later determined to have been stolen from motor vehicles in the immediate area.

Wagner was arrested at the scene and transported to the Lower Township Police Department for processing, where he was charged with several counts of criminal trespass, theft of property and burglary.

The investigation is ongoing and additional charges may be pending against Wagner.

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue, praises the efforts of his patrol officers in solving this latest round of theft from vehicles in the township, crediting Patrolman McPherson for some good, "heads up, aggressive" patrol tactics at 4 a.m. in the morning.

Jason Wagner was subsequently lodged in the Cape May County Jail in default of a \$50,000 cash bail set by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, Thomas Hillegass.

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