



Lower Township Police Department

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Press Release

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[MAN ARRESTED AFTER 11 HOUR STAND OFF, IN LOWER TOWNSHIP]

[On Saturday, March 26th, at approximately 9 p.m. the Lower Township Police Communication Center received several calls regarding a man at 19 Poplarwood Avenue in the township's Villas Section.

Neighbor's reported that the man was bringing objects out of his house and then setting them on fire.

Neighbor's then reported that there was a fire in the back yard that was left unattended.

Patrol Officers then responded to the residence along with members of the Villas Volunteer Fire Department.

Patrol Officer, Ed Edwards arrived on scene with Villas Fire Firefighters and advised the resident, identified as Marlon M. McBean, age 34, previously of Jamaica, that open burning was illegal in Lower Township. At that time McBean picked up a burning log and physically attacked the officer swinging the burning log at the officer's head.

Officer Edwards was able to block the blow with his flashlight. At that time, McBean began physically throwing punches at the officer, with Officer Edwards returning strikes of his own against McBean.

McBean then began throwing any object he could find on the ground, at the officer including metal objects and a large metal umbrella.

McBean then picked up a metal bar and advanced on the officer with the bar.

At that time, Officer Edwards discharged an entire can of pepper mace at McBean, which had little effect.

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McBean then retreated back into his residence, but immediately emerged in the doorway with a large machetti, verbally yelling at the officer. McBean was then ordered at gun point by Officer Edwards to drop the machetti, but he refused to do so and again retreated back into the home.

Officer Edwards then radioed an immediate "officer needs assistance," call for an armed individual.

Sergeant John Chew and additional Lower Township Police Officers responded to the scene. The officers established a inter-perimeter and began to evacuate surrounding neighbors.

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue then requested a call out of the Cape May County Regional SWAT Team and the County's Hostage Negotiation Team, a Command Post Vehicle and the County SWAT Team's new Armored Personnel Vehicle were also dispatched to the scene.

SWAT Officers eventually relieved Lower Township Patrol Officers of their inter-perimeter responsibilities, while Lower Township Lieutenant, William Mastriana, attempted to contact the subject via bull horn.

At that time, McBean placed stereo speakers in his windows and began to blare reggae type music at the police officers that were located outside of his residence.

Chief Donohue then requested the assistance of Atlantic City Electric Company to cut power to McBean's residence.

Cape May County Prosecutor, Robert Taylor and Cape May County Chief of Detectives, Eugene Taylor, also responded to the scene and set up a command post with Donohue in the County's Command Post Vehicle.

County Negotiators were eventually able to contact McBean through the use of a throw phone that SWAT Officers were able to get into the residence.

Chief Donohue stated that the SWAT Team also deployed a robot with video capabilities, along with other intelligence gathering assets, to monitor the suspect's movements.

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Negotiators were able to initiate a dialogue with McBean, but his behavior was highly erratic and combative.

McBean could be seen carrying a large machetti with a wooden handle, around the house, during the course of the evening and would frequently yell at officers that he was, "ready to die."

At approximately 6:30 a.m. SWAT Team members determined that McBean was not presently in the possession of any firearms.

Cape May County SWAT Officers, along with Sheriff's Officer, Eric Tiesenfits and his K9 partner, Cyrus, then entered the residence immediately following the use of a distraction flash bang device.

However, the subject was able to barricade himself in the bathroom. Officers then breached the bathroom door, however McBean came out swinging a wooden club at them.

At that time, a SWAT Officer fired one round from a less than lethal shot gun that fires bean bag ammunition, striking McBean in the leg.

However, McBean continued to resist arrest and it took four (4) SWAT Officers to bring him to the ground. During the struggle, McBean bit a SWAT Officer on the arm.

McBean was immediately placed into a patrol vehicle and transported to Lower Township Police Department for processing where he was charged with;

Aggravated Assault on Police Officer

Resisting Arrest

Obstruction of Justice

Possession of a Weapon

Possession of a Weapon For Unlawful Purposes

along with a Local Ordinance Complaint for **Open Burning.**

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A blanket bail of \$100,000 was set on all the charges by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, Thomas Hillegass.

McBean was then transported under the guard of two (2) Lower Township Police Officers, to Cape Regional Medical Center for a Mental Evaluation.

As of press time, the Lower Township Police Department was seeking a search warrant for McBean's residence with the assistance of the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and additional charges may be pending.

Prosecutor Taylor and Chief Donohue praised the team effort of all of the Police, Fire and Rescue Units involved with the successful outcome of the incident.

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