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Press Release

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[LOWER TOWNSHIP POLICE ARREST TWO (2) IN STRONG ARM ROBBERY]

[Lower Township Police report that they have made two (2) arrests stemming from a strong arm robbery incident that occurred in Lower Township on April 27th, at approximately 08:40 a.m. in the 300 Block of State Highway Route 9 in the township's Erma Section.

A female resident at that location had just pulled into her driveway when she was approached by a man wearing a dark, skin tight mask, on his face who demanded that she give him her purse. The suspect grabbed the woman's purse and was last seen running west across Route 9 into a wooded area.

Lower Township Patrol Officers immediately responded to the area to conduct a search and were assisted by members of the Middle Township Police Department and the Cape May County Sheriff's Department K9 Unit.

Later that day, Lower Township Detectives received information that a black male in his early 20's, attempted to cash a check belonging to the victim of the robbery, which had been made out for \$2500.

Bank teller's refused to cash the check because the subject did not have proper identification.

Detectives were then informed that a suspect fitting this same description, also attempted to cash the same check at the Bank of America in Wildwood.

Working with bank officials, detectives reviewed security video of the suspect which subsequently led to the suspect being identified.

On 04-27-11, after follow up investigation with the assistance of the Middle Township Police Department and the Cape May County Sheriff's Department, Lower Township Detectives located and arrested a Jeffrey C. Long, age 22, of the 100 Block of East

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Anna Street in the Whitesboro Section of Middle Township, for the strong armed robbery.

Additional investigation led to the arrest of Lynell L. Matthews, age 21, of the 600 Block of West Main Street in Whitesboro.

Police determined that Matthews was the wheel man for Long and that Matthews had been aware of the strong armed robbery and then drove Long away from the crime scene in his motor vehicle following the robbery.

Jeffrey Long was charged with one (1) count of Conspiracy and one (1) count of Robbery and was subsequently logged in the Cape May County Jail in default of a \$75,000 cash bail, set by Lower Township Municipal Court Judge, Thomas Hillegass.

Lynell Matthews was also charged with one (1) count of Conspiracy and one (1) count of Robbery.

Lower Township Detectives also received information on the whereabouts of the victim's stolen property and recovered her purse along with other personal items in a wooded section off of Gibbs Street in Whitesboro. The stolen property was then returned to the victim.

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