



# TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE

**SUBJECT:** Officer Assaulted During Investigation

**DATE/TIME:** 01/02/2017 at 1133 pm

**LOCATION:** Willow Drive, Continental Garden Apartments

**OFFICERS INVOLVED:** Police Officers Alon Bercovicz, Christopher Stenger, James Woodley and Glennis Polanco

**ACCUSED:** Samantha Swasey, 24 year old female // Ocean, NJ

**NARRATIVE:**

On January 2, 2017 at 11:33 pm officers Glennis Polanco and Christopher Stenger responded to a Willow Drive apartment for a report of a dispute between a male and a female subject. During their investigation, the female subject later identified as Samantha Swasey, was unruly and disorderly with Officer Polanco. After failing to obey the officer's commands efforts were made to place Swasey under arrest. During the course of the arrest Swasey became violent and was resisting being handcuffed. As Swasey was exhibiting this violent behavior she kicked Officer Stenger in the chest. Officer Stenger did not suffer any injuries as a result of the assault. Swasey was ultimately taken into custody and transported to the station for processing without further incident.

Swasey was charged with Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, Obstruction and Simple Assault. Swasey was released on a summons pending a future court appearance.

**NO PHOTOS OF ACCUSED ARE AVAILABLE**

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