



TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Man arrested for Shoplifting, Eluding and Obstruction

DATE/TIME: 01/20/2016 @ 10:26pm

LOCATION: 2331 State Highway 66, Target of Ocean

ACCUSED: Mark A. Lawrence age 52 from Lake Como, NJ

OFFICERS INVOLVED: Sergeant Matthew Jackiewicz, Officer Dean Schoch and Officer Ryan Krug.

NARRATIVE:

On January 20, 2016, Police Officer Ryan Krug responded to the Target of Ocean for a shoplifting in progress. Upon his arrival the suspect fled the area on a bicycle. The suspect later identified as Mark Lawrence was observed a short time after by Officer Dean Schoch in the area of the Asbury Circle. Lawrence ultimately refused to stop and attempted to elude the officers. Officers finally caught up with Lawrence after he fell off his bike. He was subsequently taken into custody after a brief struggle. He was then transported to the police station for further processing.

A further investigation revealed that Lawrence was in possession of numerous bottles of fragrances stolen from Target that totaled over \$200.00. He was charged with Shoplifting, Eluding and Obstruction. It was also learned that there was an active warrant issued out of the Neptune City Municipal Court for his arrest. Lawrence's bail was set at \$10,000.00 and he was lodged at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution pending a future court appearance.

NO PHOTOS OF ACCUSED ARE AVAILABLE

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