



# TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE

**SUBJECT:** Ocean Man Arrested for Burglary and Related Offenses

**DATE/TIME:** 02/17/2016 @ 1:20 pm

**LOCATION:** A Roosevelt Ave Residence

**ACCUSED:** Edward Byham, 25 year old male from Ocean, NJ

**OFFICERS INVOLVED:** Detectives, Jesse Orbach, Jeff Malone and Michael Melody

**NARRATIVE:**

On Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Ocean Township Police responded to a neighborhood in Oakhurst where a male, later identified as Edward Byham, was observed running through backyards on Garfield Avenue. It was later learned that a witness observed him peering into a residence on Berger Avenue. When confronted by a neighbor, Byham fled on foot and in the process damaged a gate to the fenced in yard. A short time later, Detectives located Byham at his residence and took him into custody. He was charged with Trespassing and Criminal Mischief and was released on a criminal complaint summons pending a future court appearance.

Later that same day an attempted burglary and a burglary were discovered by homeowners in the same Oakhurst neighborhood where Byham had been observed earlier. Further investigation revealed that Byham was responsible for both of these incidents as well. On 2/17/16, Byham was again arrested and additionally charged with Burglary, Criminal Attempt Burglary, Criminal Mischief and Trespassing. Bail was set by Judge Timothy McGoughran at \$50,000.00 with no 10% option. He was later transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution pending his future court appearance.

**NO PHOTOS OF ACCUSED ARE AVAILABLE**

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