



# TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE

**SUBJECT:** Shoplifting and Robbery Arrest

**DATE/TIME:** 06/24/2016

**LOCATION:** Dollar Tree, Seaview Square Shopping Center and Wegmans, Highway 35 South

**OFFICERS INVOLVED:** Detective Raheem Carter, Detective Michael Legg and Detective Sergeant Gregory Tongring

**ACCUSED:** Lamecca Ellenwood, 29 year old female, Asbury Park, NJ  
Marquel Carter, 24 year old male, Asbury Park, NJ

**NARRATIVE:**

On June 24, 2016 Detective Raheem Carter was in the Wegmans parking lot and observed two subjects unloading un-bagged groceries into the their vehicle. Further investigation by Detective Carter revealed that the two had just committed a shoplifting. The accused shoplifters, Lamecca Ellenwood and Marquel Carter were subsequently taken into police custody for shoplifting \$247.67 worth of merchandise. In addition to the shoplifting both subjects had active warrants for their arrests. They were transported to police headquarters for further processing.

Once back at the station information was learned that Ellenwood matched the description of a female who was involved in a shoplifting that turned robbery earlier in the day at the Dollar Tree. Further investigation revealed her involvement in that incident as well. The vehicle used in the robbery, a 2010 Chevy Impala was seized pending civil forfeiture proceedings as it was used in the commission of a crime.

Lamecca's charges included robbery, shoplifting, obstruction and possession of burglary tools. Bail was set at \$12,500 no 10%. Marquel's charges included shoplifting and possession of burglary tools and bail was set at \$7,500 no 10%. Bail was set by Municipal Court Judge, Timothy McGoughran and both were subsequently transported to MCCI in lieu of bail.

**NO PHOTOS OF ACCUSED ARE AVAILABLE**

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