



TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Howell Man Arrested following a Burglary

DATE/TIME: 12/15/2016 @ 1:55 am

LOCATION: Blue Swan Diner, Highway 35 Ocean, NJ 07712

OFFICERS INVOLVED: Police Officers Christopher Brady, Alon Bercovicz, Steven Walker and Sergeant Jim Kelesidis, Detective Michael Legg and Detective Sergeant Gregory Tongring

ACCUSED: Matthew H. Gershman 57 year old male //Howell New Jersey

NARRATIVE:

On 12/15/2016 police officers responded to the Blue Swan Diner for burglar alarm activation. Officers Steven Walker and Christopher Brady arrived and observed that the rear door to the diner was forced open. Further investigation revealed thru video surveillance that a male subject entered the Diner via the rear door and removed an undisclosed amount of cash from the register.

A follow up investigation by Detective Michael Legg and Detective Sergeant Gregory Tongring identified the male subject as Matthew Gershman. He was later located on 12/16/2016 at a motel in Tinton Falls. He was subsequently placed under arrested and transported to the station for processing. A 2016 Hyundai driven by Gershman on the night of the burglary was also seized under the criminal asset forfeiture guidelines.

Gershman was charged with Burglary, Theft, Criminal Mischief and Possession of Burglar's Tools. Municipal Court Judge, Timothy F. McGoughran set bail at \$75,000.00 with no 10% option. Gershman defaulted on his bail and was lodged at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution.

NO PHOTOS OF ACCUSED ARE AVAILABLE

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