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OCEAN CITY POLICE OFFICERS MAKE 58 ARRESTS IN 12 HOURS

Ocean City Police Officers made a total of 58 arrests between the hours of 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 and 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2008. Nearly 20 of those arrests were made by OCPD plain clothes Officers. The plain clothes Officers are generally located throughout the boardwalk and on Ocean City buses. The majority of the arrests made by the plain clothes Officers on these particular dates happened on the south end of the boardwalk and included cases of Theft, Strong Armed Robbery, Public Consumption, Disorderly Conduct and Possession of CDS (Controlled Dangerous Substance).

Shortly after midnight on June 11, 2008, Officers were dispatched to 7th street and the boardwalk for a fight in progress. When Officers arrived on the scene they attempted to arrest two subjects who were involved in the fight. A crowd of approximately 300 to 500 people surrounded the Officers and would not back away. Additional Officers, including police K9 and Mounted Patrol units, responded to the area to break up the crowd.

A large portion of the crowd moved to 9th Street and the boardwalk, at which time another fight broke out and the crowd surrounded the Officers again. For a second time additional Officers responded to the area using K9 and Mounted Patrol units to break up the crowd and restore order to the area. Police made a total of three arrests for disorderly conduct and fighting. Police noted the groups were comprised mainly of teenagers and young adults.

Approximately 27 of the 58 individuals arrested were charged with possession of CDS. The remaining individuals were arrested for incidents such as disorderly conduct, malicious destruction of property, indecent exposure, public consumption and attempting to drive a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. A small number of arrests also came from charges of assault and theft.

Sixteen of the arrested persons were juvenile and 12 of the arrestees were female. The overwhelming majority of victims and suspects were impaired by drugs and or alcohol.

The OCPD reminds citizens that excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs often result in unfavorable behavior and negative conduct. Overindulgence of alcohol beverages and the use of illegal drugs also limits perception and their ability to recognize dangerous situations. Citizens can avoid these unpleasant incidents by using discretion and good judgment.

The Ocean City Police reminds you that we will enforce all alcohol and peace and good order laws and will arrest all persons involved in disorderly acts and breaches of the public peace.

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