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OCPD K9 TEAM LOCATES WANTED MAN AFTER FLEEING FROM POLICE

On Saturday, November 22, 2008, at 01:35 a.m., Ocean City Police officers attempted to stop a green colored Ford Taurus, which officers had observed earlier in the evening. OCPD officers believed the occupants of this car to be acting suspiciously.

When officers attempted to pull the car over to investigate, the driver of the car attempted to elude police. At one point the car was driven onto portions of the side walk and curb.

Officers followed the vehicle several blocks, down side streets and through parking lots. Officers continued to follow the vehicle into the parking lot under 107 Somerset Street, when the drivers side door of the car opened and a male subject later identified as BJ Howard Jackson, 21 years old, of Frankford, Delaware, exited the moving car and fled the area on foot. The car Jackson was driving continued moving and struck a tree in the parking lot. Officers pursued Jackson on foot ordering him to stop, however, Jackson ignored the uniformed officers and continued to flee the area.

Additional OCPD officers including an OCPD K-9 team responded to the area to assist in searching the scene for the driver of Taurus. During the search, PFC Campbell and K9 "Charlie" located Jackson hiding behind a tall shrub. During the search and apprehension, Jackson was bitten by K9 Charlie. Jackson was placed under arrest. As a result of the police K9 bite, Ocean City Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene to treat Jackson for injuries. Jackson refused medical treatment.

A subsequent computer check revealed Jackson to be wanted by the Maryland State Police for a previous incident of fleeing and eluding incident. The OCPD investigation also revealed Jackson had been using the green colored Ford Taurus without the owner's permission.

Jackson has been charged with 21 separate traffic offenses, related to this incident. Jackson was seen by an Ocean City District Court Commissioner and held on \$100,000 bond.

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