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SUSPECTS RESPONSIBLE FOR BEACH THEFTS ARRESTED

This past July (2008) Ocean City Police began investigating two separate thefts that occurred on the public beach. The suspects stole back packs, which contained victims' personal items including credit card and victims' identification.

After stealing the backpacks, the suspects took the victims' credit cards and used them to purchase thousands of dollars in merchandise, which included expensive video gaming systems and gift cards, totaling almost \$4000.

Ocean City Police Detectives began focusing on two suspects later identified as Michael Lee Sellers, (30) years of age, and Auburn Gerald Broadie, (30) years old, both of Salisbury, Maryland.

Police were able to identify the suspects by tracing the use of the victims' stolen cards to corresponding video surveillance of the suspects. OCPD then obtained arrest warrants for both Broadie and Sellers.

OCPD Detectives were unable to locate the suspect for several weeks. During the investigation, OCPD and Salisbury City Police realized that Broadie and Sellers had committed similar thefts in the Wicomico County Maryland area. Police began expanding the investigation and eventually learned that Broadie and Sellers were now living in Wilmington, Delaware.

Detective Sergeant Robert Donovan and Corporal Anthony Roundtree of the Wilmington Delaware Police Department Criminal Investigation Unit assisted Ocean City Police in locating the address where both suspects were eventually located and apprehended.

Both Broadie and Sellers are being held in a Delaware Correctional facility awaiting extradition to Worcester County, Maryland.

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