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For Immediate Release:

VENDING MACHINE ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED

On September 18, 2008, around 2 a.m., Ocean City Police responded to the Flamingo Motel (3010 Baltimore Avenue), in reference to a suspicious person who had just attempted to break into one of the motel's vending machines.

Officers were told that the person who had just tried to get into the motel's vending machines had just left the area carrying a box. OCPD officers located a box containing several items included cigarettes and a plastic bag. Several witnesses related a description of a male subject they had recently seen traveling through the near-by parking lots.

Officers eventually located a suspect identified as Denny Patrick Owens, (41) years of age, of Ocean City, Maryland. Officers recovered several items of evidence as well as a bucket containing a large amount of coins. Investigation by OCPD revealed that several vending machines located in the area of the original complaint had either been tampered with or broken into.

OCPD officers continued to investigate this incident throughout the evening and by mid-morning discovered several area hotels vending machines had been broken into. A surveillance video showing Owens breaking into vending machines was recovered.

Owens has been charged with the following offenses:

I am charging Owens with the following:

- Malicious Destruction of Property: Less Than \$500 (CR 6-301)
- Malicious Destruction of Property: Greater Than \$500 (CR 6-301)
- Theft: Less Than \$500 (CR 7-104)
- Theft: Less Than \$100 (CR 7-104(3))

Owens is currently at the Worcester County Jail being held on \$25,000 bond.

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