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**For Immediate Release:**

### BERLIN MAN ARRESTED FOR SELLING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO UNDERCOVER COP

On January 21, 2010, the Ocean City Police Department concluded a four month prescription drug distribution investigation with the arrest of a Berlin, Maryland man identified as: Patrick William Hightower, 42-years-old.

Hightower was arrested without incident, on January 21, 2010, after he sold the suspected prescription narcotics to an undercover OCPD narcotics detective. During the investigation, Hightower sold prescription drugs to police at least twice.

Hightower has been charged with 2 counts of Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance which is a Felony.

Hightower was seen by an Ocean City District Court Commissioner and was held on \$100,000 bond. Hightower has been transferred to the Worcester County Jail.



Patrick William Hightower

The OCPD reminds citizens that selling prescription medication is a crime. The person you may be dealing with may be an undercover OCPD detective. If you are involved in this type of activity you may be arrested.

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Quite often, citizens' hunches turn out to be valuable information to us. If you have information that you feel we should know, we encourage you to leave us e-mail. [OCPD@ococean.com](mailto:OCPD@ococean.com)

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