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COMMERCIAL BURGLARY SUSPECT ARRESTED

On January 2, 2010, at approximately 1:22 a.m., Ocean City Police Officers responded to the Somerset South Jewelry (412 South Atlantic Avenue), in reference to an intrusion alarm.

When officers arrived at the scene, they observed front window of the jewelry store had been completely smashed out and several of the stores jewelry displays knocked over. A short time after officers arrived at the scene, the manager of the shop arrived.

While the manager approached the scene, officers were advised that a male subject was being detained near-by at Wicomico Street and the Boardwalk by employees of the Cork Bar. The subject being detained was in possession of a large amount of jewelry and a portable display box.



OCPD officer responded to Wicomico Street, at which time the male subject identified as: Donald Anthony Collins, 51-years-old, of Ocean City, Maryland. Officer's determined that Collins was in possession of Somerset South Jewelers merchandise and appeared to be very intoxicated, Collins was taken into custody.

During the on-scene investigation, police were told by witnesses that Collins had been in the Cork Bar earlier in the evening and become intoxicated. Witnesses stated Collins left the Cork Bar and came back attempting to sell the stolen jewelry. Collins was told to leave the bar. A short time later at bar closing, employees of the Cork Bar observed Collins on the street near a soda machine next to what appeared to be several small jewelry displays.

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At this point, employees of the establishment believed the items may have been stolen and detained Collins and called the police.

Collins was arrested and charged with the following:

- one count of 2nd Degree Burglary (Felony)
- one count of 4th Degree Burglary (Misdemeanor)
- one count of Theft of property value \$10,000 to under \$100,000 (Felony)
- four counts of Theft of property value \$1000 to under \$10,000 (Felony)
- two counts of Malicious Destruction of Property value over \$500 (Felony)
- three counts of Malicious Destruction of Property value under \$500 (Misdemeanor)

The OCPD would like to acknowledge the assistance of the employees and citizens at the Cork Bar. Their diligent efforts and willingness to get involved demonstrates the type of community policing partnership between citizens and the police which continues to make Ocean City a safe and enjoyable place for all.

Collins was seen by an Ocean City District Court Commission and was held on \$50,000 bond. Collin was transferred to the Worcester County Jail.

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