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For Immediate Release:

INTOXICATED MAN ARRESTED IN STOLEN VAN AFTER SHORT PURSUIT

On June 8, 2009, at approximately 1 a.m., a Harrison Group carpet cleaning van was parked outside the Hilton Hotel & Suites, located at 33rd Street and Atlantic Avenue. In order to operate the vans carpet cleaning equipment, the van was left running by the cleaning crew who was inside of the Hilton Hotel. A subject, later identified as Jesus J. Vasquez, 26, of Burtonsville, MD, entered the van and stole it while Harrison Group personnel were cleaning.

OCPD Officers spotted the stolen van driving south on Philadelphia Avenue, dragging the cleaning hoses which were still connected to the equipment inside the van. Marked OCPD patrol cars attempted to stop the van on 16th Street at Baltimore Avenue.

The van immediately fled from OCPD officers. When the van got to 15th Street and Baltimore Avenue it reportedly continued south on Baltimore Avenue against one way northbound traffic at speeds in excess of 60 miles per hour. Vehicles traveling North on Baltimore Avenue quickly swerved out of the way of the fleeing van in order to avoid a collision.

The van continued south on Baltimore Avenue until 10th Street, when the driver made an abrupt turn across Baltimore Avenue, through a driveway. The van crashed through the wooden fence at 1002 Baltimore Avenue. The van did not stop and continued to through a vacant lot at 10th Street, and Baltimore Avenue. The driver, Vasquez, jumped out of the van while it was still moving and attempted to flee. The van continued moving until it hit the side of house located at #6 10th Street. OCPD Officers pursued Vasquez on foot and took him into custody after a brief struggle.

Once in custody, Vasquez was given a breath test which determined Vasquez to be intoxicated. Vasquez has been charged with over 25 charges related to the theft of the van and subsequent pursuit by police. There are additional charges pending for the damage to the stolen van, damaged wooden fence and the damaged residence at #6 10th Street.

Vasquez was seen by a court commissioner and was held on \$35,000 bond. He was transferred to Worcester County Jail.

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Booking Report

User: MLEVY, PSB681

06/08/2009 18:04

Date/Time: 06/08/2009 03:14

Bk Officer:

Booking ID:

FP Officer:

Name ID:

Srch Officer:

Local ID:



Inmate Info:

Name: VASQUEZ, JESUS JOHAN

Race: B **Sex:** M

Addr: 3737 STEPPING STONE WAY
 BURTONSVILLE, MD 20866

Hair: BLK **Eye:** BLK

Hgt: 5'10 **Wgt:** 185

DOB: 02/03/1983 **Age:** 26 **SSN:**

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