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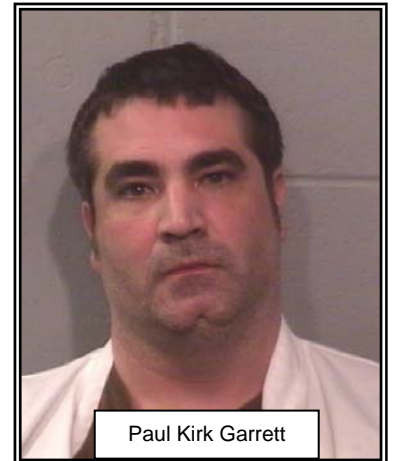
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OCEAN CITY POLICE INVESTIGATORS SIEZE A POUND OF MARIJUANA

On February 20, 2010, the Ocean City Police Narcotics Unit concluded a one year undercover drug distribution investigation involving employees of Coins Pub and restaurant, located at 2820 Philadelphia Avenue. Just Prior to the serving of the Search Warrant at the restaurant, police observed an employee identified as a juvenile suspect leave the establishment in a vehicle. Police conducted a traffic stop of the juvenile suspect's automobile. During this traffic stop, detectives recovered a half pound of suspected Marijuana. The juvenile suspect was arrested by the OCPD at the scene of the traffic stop. At approximately 8 p.m., uniformed patrol officers of the Ocean City Police and some undercover OCPD Narcotics Unit Detectives served a Search and Seizure Warrant at Coins Pub and Restaurant, in reference to the investigation.



During the search of the restaurant, numerous items of drug paraphernalia and a small amount of Marijuana were located and recovered in the kitchen area all in plain view. While at the restaurant a second employee suspect identified as Paul Garrett, 41-years-old of Ocean City, Maryland was arrested in connection with the possession of Marijuana.

Later that evening, OCPD narcotics detectives, working in conjunction with members of the Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team, went to the juvenile suspect's residence in West Ocean City and recovered approximately half pound of Marijuana. In all, police recovered approximately one pound of Marijuana, associated drug paraphernalia, approximately \$262.00 and seized the juvenile suspect's vehicle.

Garrett was seen by an Ocean City District Court Commissioner and was released on his own recognizance. The juvenile was charged with two counts of possession of Marijuana with The Intent to Distribute, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The Juvenile was released to the custody of their legal guardian.

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