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#### For Immediate Release:

#### OCPD REMINDS CITIZENS TO REMAIN VIGILANT

This past month, United States Department of Homeland Security and law enforcement groups throughout the nation have concluded investigations and arrested several persons who are suspected of plotting acts of terrorism that would have taken place in our country.

Since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, our nation has undergone a drastic change in its perception of our vulnerability. While there are no specific terrorist threats involving The Town of Ocean City, the Ocean City Police Department would like to remind citizens to be vigilant for suspicious activity and/or persons in their community. We encourage residents and visitors to report suspicious persons and/or activities. Citizens often think they are bothering law enforcement, your not. Trust your instincts. Suspicious activities and circumstances are worth checking out. Here are some things to remember: Terrorist usually target:

- Major events
- Resorts
- Landmarks
- International airports
- Large cities

The Ocean City Police Department encourages people to continue to remain aware of your surroundings. We are a transient community. There are a lot of activities and people moving through our neighborhoods and attractions. Report suspicious packages or unattended bags, unattended vehicles that have been left parked for long periods of time. Keep informed of activities in our community and monitor and report unusual occurrences.

The United States Department of Homeland Security offers terrorism prevention and response information on its web site at: www.dhs.gov. You can also contact the OCPD Public Affairs office for additional information.

The OCPD's believes that a pro-active approach to keeping our citizens well informed of illegal activities in their community is the best form of crime prevention.

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