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### **OCPD Make Maryland's First Palm Print Suspect Identification**

In October 2008, Ocean City Police responded to the Coastal Inn, (2601 Philadelphia Avenue), in reference to a commercial burglary.

Once at the scene, officers began to interview the victims and determine what had been stolen. Sgt Mark Paddack of the OCPD's Forensic Services Unit began collecting evidence related to the burglary including several finger and palm prints.

Three of these palm and finger prints were suitable for Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) entry. In January of 2009, a palm print that had been recovered by Sgt Paddack at the scene was analyzed by Maryland State Police Forensic Scientist, Stephen Weathers of the Latent Print Unit, resulting in the identify of a suspect.



OCPD detectives located the suspect identified as; Shawn H. Quick, 36 – years old of Centerville, Maryland incarcerated at the Talbot County Detention Center located in Easton, Maryland. Based on the evidence recovered from the scene, as well as other evidence, Detective's have charged Quick with the October 2008 burglary.

This was the first case in Maryland history to get a "hit" on an automated cold search of palm prints. The automated palm print database is new for Maryland and was instituted in October of 2008 by the Maryland Department of Public Safety and is now housed and maintained by the Maryland State Police Latent Print unit.

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