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### WOMAN CHARGED WITH FALSE REPORT

On August 26, 2009, at approximately 9:30P.M., Ocean City Police Officers responded to the area of Old Landing Road, in reference to a report of a female being attacked by a man with a knife.

Police arrived in the area and located a female victim who related that she had just left a baby sitting job and was walking to her car which was parked on Old Landing Road. The female stated she got to her car when she was attacked by an unidentified male who was wielding a knife. During the attack the female stated the male made her go into the near-by marsh where the male began assaulting the female with knife. During the attack the female fought the male attacker and was able to escape. The female reported that the male attacker ran away from the scene west toward the bay.

Because of the initial circumstances of the attack as reported by the female victim, the police initiated an intense search of the Old Landing Road and surrounding area. OCPD Detectives and Forensic Services Unit members responded to the scene. Due to various factors discovered during the investigation as well as certain inconsistencies in the victim's statements, investigators believed the initial report as related by the victim to be suspect.

Police personnel, including members of the OCPD K-9 unit, were unable to locate any evidence of the victim's alleged attacker. Investigators also noted a lack of physical evidence at the scene.

During the investigation OCPD Detectives questioned the victim who eventually admitted the incident never took place and in-fact was a false report. The victim is identified as Alexis Marie Turcol, 18-years-old, of Pittsville, Maryland.

As a result of Turcol's admission, OCPD investigators have charged Turcol with making a false police report. An Ocean City District Court Commission has issued a criminal summons for Turcol charging her with the crime. A court date is pending. No Picture of Turcol is available.

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