



NEWS RELEASE

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE

SUBJECT: Theft of Copper from Utility Poles

DATE/TIME: Friday, August 19, 2011 @ 12:30 AM

LOCATION: Highway 35 North / Doris Avenue

OFFICERS INVOLVED: Officer's Bryan Morgan and Alon Bercovicz

ACCUSED: Blasco Brown, 72 year old male from Asbury Park, New Jersey

NARRATIVE: On this date, Friday, August 19, 2011 at 12:30 AM Officer Bryan Morgan observed a male acting suspicious along Highway 35. Morgan who was operating an unmarked police vehicle began surveillance on the subject who appeared to be monitoring passing traffic. It was at this time Morgan advised Officer Bercovicz of his observations. When the traffic cleared the male picked up a pair of bolt cutters and walked towards a utility pole. He then cut wire off the pole and placed it on his person. The subject then walked further north along Highway 35 and performed the same act on another utility pole. The officers moved in to investigate and discovered that the subject was removing copper grounding wires. The copper would then be scraped for cash. The accused, Blasco Brown, was taken into custody without incident. It was determined that 15 utility poles in Ocean Township suffered damage.

Mr. Brown was charged with Possession of Burglar Tools, Criminal Mischief and Theft. He was processed and subsequently released on a summons pending court proceedings.

PREPARED BY: Detective Sergeant Timothy Torchia

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The criminal Mugshot is not available