



NEWS RELEASE

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE

SUBJECT: Couple charged with tattooing minors

DATE/TIME: 11-21-11

LOCATION: Brown Place Residence

OFFICERS INVOLVED: Detective Matthew Jackiewicz and Detective Sgt. Thomas Burke.

ACCUSED: Crystal S. Brents, Age 34 of Ocean Township
Alex Martinez, Age 36 of Ocean Township

NARRATIVE:

An ongoing investigation has led to the arrest of a couple for providing tattoos to persons under the age of 18-years-old without written parental consent.

On 11/16/11, Detective Matthew Jackiewicz and Detective Sgt. Thomas Burke developed information regarding two juvenile age females that had each received a tattoo from a township couple without proper written parental consent. Further investigation revealed that Crystal S. Brents applied a permanent tattoo to a 14-year-old female and a 16-year-old female in early September of this year. The investigation also showed that Alex Martinez had participated in the applying of a permanent tattoo to at least one of the juvenile age females. The couple also charged the two an undisclosed fee for the tattoos. Brents and Martinez are married and reside in the Oakhurst section of the township. The tattoos were applied to the juvenile females at the home of Brents and Martinez.

Both Brents and Martinez were taken into custody and charged on 11/18/11. Brents was charged with two counts of tattooing a minor under the age of 18 without having written consent by a parent or guardian and Martinez was charged with one count of the same charge. Both were later released on a criminal summons pending a court hearing.

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