



NEWS RELEASE

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE

SUBJECT: Man charged pursuant to burglary investigations.

DATE/TIME: 11-1-11

LOCATION: Blue Swan Diner, Rt 35 Oakhurst, NJ

OFFICERS INVOLVED: Ptl. Steven Walker; Det. Jeffrey Malone

ACCUSED: **Jacob Gerges, age 27, of Ocean Township**

NARRATIVE

On September 5, 2011 at approximately 0433 hours, Ptl. Steven Walker responded to the Blue Swan Diner in reference to a burglary at that location. Ptl. Walker learned that someone had smashed out the glass in the locked door to the restaurant's foyer area and subsequently gained entry to the foyer. The diner was closed for business at the time. A stand alone ATM machine that was located in the foyer was stolen.

Det. Jeffrey Malone responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. Information developed by Det. Malone upon his arrival led to the identification of a suspect, Jacob Gerges. A subsequent follow up investigation by Det. Malone led to Gerges being charged with burglary, theft, and criminal mischief on November 1, 2011 for the incident at the Blue Swan Diner. Gerges' bail was set at \$50,000.

Gerges was served with the complaints at the Monmouth County Jail where he was already being held on charges out of Ocean Twp. related to a burglary to a Deal Road residence on August 16, 2011. Following an investigation also conducted by Det. Malone, Gerges was charged on October 3, 2011 with burglary, theft, criminal mischief, and possession of burglar's tools in connection with the Deal Road burglary. Gerges' bail was set at \$30,000 for the Deal Road burglary.

PREPARED BY: Detective Sergeant Thomas Burke

DATE: 11/3/11

*****NO SUSPECT PHOTO IS AVAILABLE*****