



NEWS RELEASE

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE

SUBJECT: Man Charged With Aggravated Assault with a Weapon

DATE/TIME: Original Incident Date 7/2/11, Arrest Date 9/10/11

LOCATION: Collins Ave and Kings Highway

OFFICERS INVOLVED: Alisa Martinez, Ryan Vaccaro and Detective Michael Legg

ACCUSED: **Manual E. Molina Age 41 of Trenton**

NARRATIVE:

An ongoing investigation in reference to an aggravated assault that occurred on 7/2/11 has resulted in the arrest of a Trenton man.

On 7/2/11 at approximately 2:45 am, police were called to the intersection of Kings Highway and Collins Ave in reference to an unconscious injured male lying on the ground. Officers Ryan Vaccaro and Alisa Martinez arrived on scene and located the victim later identified as a 28-year-old male from Lakewood. The victim appeared to have been seriously assaulted and as a result suffered a severed ear and facial wounds. The victim was transported to Jersey Shore Medical Center for further treatment and has since been released.

An ongoing investigation by Detective Michael Legg resulted in criminal complaints being issued for Manual E. Molina on 7/20/2011. Molina's whereabouts was unknown at the time. The investigation revealed that Molina and the victim were involved in some type of verbal dispute while inside the Blue Swan Diner on 7/2/11. At some point the two left the Diner and the dispute became physical. During the physical confrontation Molina committed aggravated assault by severing the ear of the victim with what is believed to be some type of sharp device possibly a knife. Molina left the scene prior to the police being called.

On 9/10/11, Molina was stopped in a vehicle by the Trenton Police. During that time the Trenton Police found that Molina had an active warrant for his arrest originating out of Ocean Township. He was subsequently taken into custody and later taken to the Mercer County Jail on \$75,000.00 bail. Molina is charged with Aggravated Assault, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon and Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose.

PREPARED BY: Detective Lieutenant Steven R. Peters

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