



# NEWS RELEASE

## TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE

**SUBJECT:** Prostitution Investigation Results in Four Arrests

**DATE/TIME:** 9-29-11 / 3:28 pm

**LOCATION:** Edel Inc Salon, Hwy 35 North and Allenhurst Ave

**OFFICERS INVOLVED:** Scott Valenti, Jack Piantanida, Detective Dimitrios Kelesidis, Detective Patrick Martin, Detective Jeffrey Malone, Detective Sgt. Thomas Burke, Detective Sgt. Timothy Torchia and Detective Lt. Steven Peters

**ACCUSED:** **Elvira Valeeva Tchoukanine, Age 37 of Brooklyn NY**  
**Natalia Ivanova Tsvigun, Age 29 of Brooklyn NY**  
**49-year-old male from Middletown**  
**60-year-old male from East Brunswick**

### NARRATIVE

On 9/28/11, an investigation was initiated after Officer Scott Valenti developed information in reference to possible prostitution activity at the newly opened Edel Inc Salon. The salon is located in the former Duke Day Spa store front on Highway 35 north and Allenhurst Ave. As a result of the investigation police made four arrests at Edel Inc for prostitution related offenses on 9/29/11. Back in September of 2010, Ocean Township Police had made five arrests as a result of a prostitution investigation at the Duke Day Spa and later had the business closed down.

The investigation revealed that Edel Inc, which was advertising on Backpage.com, offered Russian style massages for men and was a front for prostitution. The salon was issued a business license in early August indicating that it was a skin care, facial and waxing salon not a massage establishment. During the investigation a 49-year-old man from Middletown and a 60-year-old man from East Brunswick were both arrested for engaging in prostitution at the salon. Police also arrested two female employees of the salon identified as Elvira Valeeva Tchoukanine and Natalia Ivanova Tsvigun. Following the arrests, police obtained a search warrant and later seized several computers, a hi-tech video surveillance system, cell phones, business records and \$586.00 in cash.

Elvira Valeeva Tchoukanine was charged with Promoting Prostitution and Maintaining a House of Prostitution. Natalia Ivanova Tsvigun was charged with Engaging in Prostitution and Maintaining a House of Prostitution. She was also issued a township ordinance violation for being an unlicensed massage therapist and violating the massage practitioner's sanitation and hygiene requirements. The 49-year-old man from Middletown and a 60-year-old man from East

Brunswick were both charged with engaging in prostitution. All four were later released on a criminal summons pending a court hearing.

Officer Scott Valenti, Officer Jack Piantanida, Detective Dimitrios Kelesidis, Detective Patrick Martin, Detective Jeffrey Malone, Detective Sgt. Thomas Burke, Detective Sgt. Timothy Torchia and Detective Lt. Steven Peters were all involved in the investigation.

\*\*\*NO PHOTOS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME\*\*\*

**PREPARED BY: Detective Lieutenant Steven R. Peters**

**DATE: 10/1/2011**