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Incident: Prescription Fraud

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On Tuesday April 29, 2008 officers Ryan Hutton and Alek Pahang responded to the Jersey Shore Pharmacy on Ocean Heights Ave. in reference to a female attempting to obtain prescription drugs with a fraudulent prescription. It had been determined by the pharmacist that the prescription in question was not issued by the doctor and was written on a stolen prescription pad. Officers arrested the female, Shannon D'Allessandro, who presented the prescription and a male subject, Daniel Wellman, who was with her.

This arrest and further investigation by Officer Hutton and Det. Mark Wagner led to the discovery of several more fraud incidents that occurred at the same pharmacy. Wellman had been forging the prescriptions and using various names, including his own, as the patient. The prescriptions were for prescription drugs such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, and dilaudid.

Arrested and Charged in this incident were the following:

1. Daniel Wellman, 25 years old, of Egg Harbor Twp
Charges: Obtaining Prescriptions by Fraud and Forgery (9 Counts)
He is currently in the Atlantic County Justice Facility on \$50,000 cash bail.
2. Shannon D'Allessandro, 20 years old, of Margate
Charges: Obtaining Prescription Drugs by Fraud and Forgery (2 Counts)
She is was placed in the Atlantic County Justice Facility on \$25,000/10% Bail
3. Kristi Wolak, 21 years old, of Egg Harbor Twp
Charges: Obtaining Prescription Drugs by Fraud and Forgery (2 Counts)
She was released on a summons
4. Amber Swigert, 24 years old, of Egg Harbor Twp
Charges: Obtaining Prescription Drugs by Fraud and Forgery (1 Counts)
She was lodged in the Atlantic County Justice Facility on \$15,000/10 % bail

Wellman was charged by Egg Harbor City Police Dept. Det. Cantz for the burglary and theft of the prescription pad that occurred at a doctor's office in their jurisdiction.

Additionally Wellman was charged in the thefts of copper pipes totaling \$808.00 and vehicle burglaries from an area residence in which a Wawa Gift Card was the only thing determined to be stolen. These were investigated by Officer Brian Keane and Det. John Heim.



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Anyone having any information regarding these prescription frauds and copper thefts should contact the Egg Harbor Township Police Department, Detective Division at 926-4051 or contact the Atlantic County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-658-8477. The Atlantic County Crime Stoppers program offers a cash reward up to \$2,000.00 and callers can remain anonymous.

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