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Press Release

Incident: Attempted Murder
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P.D. Case Number: 08-29045

On 05/18/08, at approximately 1259 hrs, the Egg Harbor Twp Police Department responded to Room 122 of the Economy Inn, In West Atlantic City, for the report of a woman being assaulted. Upon arrival at the room officers Gary Johnson, Richard Cavanaugh and James Ludwig heard a woman calling for help. Officers forced entry to the room and found the Victim (name withheld due to nature of incident) unconscious on the floor and the accused, Gerald Brookhart Jr. (42 yrs old form Baltimore Maryland), on the bed. Brookhart was taken into custody after struggling with officers at the scene. The Victim was transported to Atlanticare Medical Center City Division where she was treated and released.

Brookhart apparently brought the 49 year old victim, also from Baltimore, to the area against her will. While in the room she was sexually assaulted and strangled by the accused. Brookhart has been charged with Attempted Murder, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Sexual Assault, Criminal Restraint, 2 counts of Aggravated Assault on a police officer and Resisting Arrest. Superior Court Judge James Isman set bail on Brookhart at \$750,000 cash bail and he was lodged in the Atlantic County Justice Facility. This case was investigated by Det. Anthony Merendino, Det. Heather Stumpf, Det Michael Palmentieri under the supervision of DSgt. Raymond Davis.

Anyone having any information regarding this case 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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