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# News Release

Incident: Aggravated Assault

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On Sunday, February 21, 2010, at approximately 1:48 am, the Egg Harbor Township Police Department responded to the Linwood Police Department for the report of criminal mischief and assault with a vehicle. Officer Brian Dickson responded and made contact with the complainants who stated the vehicle they were in, which was being operated by Christina Granese (18 years of age from Ocean City), was forced off the road by a black Chevy Trailblazer on Poplar Avenue, in the Bargaintown section of the Township. The occupants of the Trailblazer exited the vehicle and began damaging Granese's vehicle. Granese was pulled from the vehicle, taken to the rear of her vehicle and was then struck by a second vehicle, a red Honda. Granese was then taken from the scene in the Trailblazer.

Granese was located on Second Avenue in Egg Harbor Township by Officers Joseph Coady, Scott Nell and William Reed. Two subjects, William Whisner (21 years of age from Egg Harbor Township) and Howard Tantum (20 years of age from Oakhurst, NJ) were arrested and the Trailblazer was located. Both Whisner and Tantum were charged with Criminal Mischief, Disorderly Conduct and were released on a summons. Granese was treated at the scene by the Egg Harbor Township Ambulance Squad for leg injuries. She was transported to Shore Memorial Hospital.

Granese's ex-boyfriend, Cory Kott (19 years of age from Egg Harbor Township), was arrested several hours after the incident. He was charged with 2 counts of Terroristic Threats, Simple Assault and Harassment. Municipal Court Judge H. R. Switzer set bail at \$10,000.00 cash and he was lodged in the Atlantic County Justice Facility on these charges and a county warrant. This incident is being investigated by Det. Mark Wagner of the Egg Harbor Township Police Department Detective Bureau.

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