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News Release

Incident: Strong Arm Robbery

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On Saturday, May 29, 2010, at approximately 2:46 pm, the Egg Harbor Township Police Department responded to Shoprite, in the Cardiff section of the Township, in reference to a strong armed robbery. Officer James MacPherson responded and made contact with the victim, Adriene Jackson (27 years of age from Plainfield, NJ). Jackson was approached in the parking lot of the business by one of the suspects (James Brady) who took her purse by force and ran from the area. The suspect was picked up by a second suspect (Thomas Lester), in a waiting vehicle, and they left the area east on the Black Horse Pike. The suspect did not display a weapon and Jackson was not injured in the incident.

There were several witnesses to this incident who were following the suspect vehicle as it left the area. The witnesses were on the phone reporting the location of the vehicle until officers arrived in the area. The vehicle was located and stopped in the rear of "A Touch of Italy" by Officer William Loder. Both suspects were taken into custody by Officer Loder, with the assistance of several other officers. Jackson's purse was located by Officer William Reed and his K-9 partner Santino.

Arrested were James Brady (28 years of age from Galloway Township) and Thomas Lester (45 years of age from Galloway Township). Brady was charged with strong armed robbery, assault, conspiracy to commit robbery and resisting arrest. Lester was charged with strong armed robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, resisting arrest and possession of CDS. Bail was set by Municipal Court Judge H. Robert Switzer at \$35,000.00 cash for both suspects. They were both lodged in the Atlantic County Justice Facility.

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