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News Release

Incident: Aggravated Assault
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On Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at approximately 7:05pm, the Egg Harbor Township Police Department responded to a call of an assault in the area of the Shore Mall bus stop. Upon arrival, they determined the victim [name withheld upon request] female, age 24 of Somers Point was struck in the head with a blunt object.

The accused was a 16 year old female, whose name is being withheld due to age, attacked the victim with the blunt object as her companion, Jacqueline Copeland, 39 of Ventnor, stood by and watched.

The two accused fled the area prior to officers arrival, but were arrested later on the same night. Copeland was charged with Conspiracy to commit aggravated assault and two counts of endangering the welfare of a child. The youth was charged with Aggravated Assault, Robbery while inflicting bodily injury, and possession of a weapon with intent to cause bodily injury. The youth was processed and lodge in Harborfields Detention Center, while Copeland was process and released.

The victim was transported by ambulance to Shore Memorial Hospital with head and face injury. The incident is currently under investigation by Detective Fred Spano.

Anyone having any information regarding the assault should contact the Egg Harbor Township Police Department, Detective Division at 926-4010 or contact the Atlantic County CrimeStoppers at 1-800-658-8477. The Atlantic County CrimeStoppers program offers a cash reward up to \$2,000.00 and callers can remain anonymous.

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