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#### For Immediate Release:

#### JUVENILE ARRESTED FOR SEVERAL INLET LOT THEFTS FROM CARS

On June 23, 2009, at approximately 8:30 P.M., a citizen alerted Ocean City Police about a male who was in the Inlet Parking Lot breaking into parked cars. Officers arrived in the area and located a suspicious male matching the description of the suspect described by the citizen. Police located the male exiting a parked car.

During the on scene investigation, OCPD officers located a large amount of personal property recovered from the male, which was believed by police to be stolen. Eventually police were able to locate the suspect's vehicle and determined that the vehicle contained a large amount of stolen property.

The suspect, identified as a 17-year-old juvenile male from Newark, Delaware has been linked to as many as 7 thefts from cars that were parked in the Ocean City, Inlet Parking Lot. He has been charged as a juvenile with multiple counts of Theft, Felony Theft Scheme and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Burglary. All of the recovered stolen property has been returned to the victims.

The 17-year-old juvenile male was arrested and taken to the Ocean City Public Safety Building where he was seen by a representative of Maryland Juvenile Justice and release to his family pending action by the Juvenile authorities.

OCPD Chief Bernadette DiPino commends the immediate action by the citizen who alerted police to theft, "this citizens actions demonstrate the type the pro-active community partnership we enjoy with our citizens".

The OCPD would like to remind citizens when leaving vehicle parked, make certain he car windows are up and the vehicle is locked. Remove all of your valuable property out of site by placing it in the trunk. If your car is an SUV or pick-up truck, store items in the rear storage area or on the floor covered by a towel or blanket.

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Quite often, citizens' hunches turn out to be valuable information to us. If you have information that you feel we should know, we encourage you to leave us e-mail. [OCPD@ococcean.com](mailto:OCPD@ococcean.com)