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Cape May Court House, New Jersey – County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor and Chief Steven Long of the Wildwood Police Department announce the ongoing investigation into an incident that involved criminal restraint, terroristic threats and weapons possession that occurred this morning in the City of Wildwood. At approximately 5:45am, Wildwood police were contacted by a juvenile who reported that an adult male occupying a room at the Knoll's Resort and Motel had threatened her with a handgun and refused to allow her to leave the room. The juvenile eventually escaped the room and contacted police. The Wildwood Police Patrol division immediately secured the perimeter of the motel, located at 4111 Atlantic Avenue, and contacted the Cape May County Regional SWAT Team, the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and the Cape May County Crisis Negotiations team for assistance.

The cooperative investigation resulted in the surrender of two adult males and one adult female from Room #17 of the Knoll's Resort and Motel at approximately 9:20am. Following the surrender, the three occupants of the motel room were taken to the Wildwood Police Department for questioning. Additionally, a Court authorized search warrant was executed on Room #17 of the Knoll's Resort and Motel by members of the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Crime Scene Investigations Unit and the Wildwood Police Department where numerous items of evidence were recovered, including one firearm.

As a result of this cooperative investigation the following individual was arrested:

Michael Weiss, 19 years of age, residing on Kentucky Avenue in the Lower Township, was charged with Criminal restraint, a crime of the third degree, Terroristic threats, a crime of the third degree, Aggravated Assault, a crime of the fourth degree. Weiss was lodged in the Cape May County Correctional Center in lieu of \$35,000 full cash bail.

Persons convicted of persons convicted of third degree crimes may be sentenced between 3 and 5 years in prison, and persons convicted of fourth degree crimes are subject to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 18 months.

Prosecutor Taylor and Chief Long commended the quick actions of the Wildwood Police Patrol Officers and the work of all of the agencies involved in the investigation with its safe and successful conclusion.

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