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Cape May Court House, New Jersey - Cape May County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor and Wildwood Police Chief Steven Long announce the arrest of 24 year old Jason M. Thorn for the February 1, 2011 murder of 31 year old Joshua W. Palumbo. Palumbo died from a single gunshot wound to the neck in his residence located in the 100 block of East Spicer Avenue in Wildwood. Palumbo was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and the Wildwood Police Department developed information that Thorn had fled to Pennsylvania following the shooting. Six detectives from the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and the Wildwood Police Department traveled to Pennsylvania and elicited the assistance of the Darby Township Police Department, the Philadelphia Police Department's Homicide Unit, the Tinicum Township Police Department and the United States Marshal's Service in searching for the suspect. Early this morning, the suspect was apprehended in a residence in Tinicum Township, Pennsylvania. Thorn will be committed to the George Hill Correctional Facility in Delaware County pending extradition.

Thorn has been charged with Murder, a crime of the first degree. Prosecutor Taylor advises that persons convicted of first degree crimes are subject to a sentence of 30 years to life imprisonment in New Jersey State Prison.

Prosecutor Taylor and Chief Long commend the cooperative and effective efforts of all of the law enforcement agencies that assisted in the investigation and the prompt apprehension of this subject.

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