



# PINE HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE



<b>INCIDENT:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Attempted Aggravated Arson Arrest	<b>DATE/TIME:</b>	04/28/2012 0255
<b>LOCATION:</b>	1323 Erial Road (Pine Hill Tavern)	<b>CASE #:</b>	2010004296

On April 28<sup>th</sup> 2012 at approximately 0255 hours Pine Hill Officers were dispatched to 1323 Erial Road (Pine Hill Tavern) for the report of a male attempting to light the establishment on fire. A witness called 9-1-1 and reported seeing a male pouring gasoline around the building and attempting to ignite it with a lighter. The witness yelled for the male to stop before he successfully ignited the fire, at which time he fled on Erial Road. Responding Pine Hill Officers and assisting Officers from the Lindenwold and Clementon Police Departments conducted a search of the area. During the search a gas can believed to be used in the incident was located on Erial Road.

At approximately 0315 hours an assisting Officer from the Lindenwold Police Department located a male, matching the description provided by the witness, on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Pine Hill. His clothes were wet and there was a strong odor of gasoline coming from them. The witness confirmed it was the male who had poured the gasoline and attempted to ignite the fire. The male, identified as Joshua A. Ford, 30 years of age from Woodlawn Avenue in Clementon, was taken into custody without incident.

Ford was transported to Kennedy Health Systems, Stratford Division for injuries sustained during a physical altercation at the Pine Hill Tavern earlier in the night. Pine Hill Officers were dispatched to the Pine Hill Tavern at approximately 0136 hours for the report of a fight in progress, but all involved parties had fled the scene prior to their arrival. Ford was cleared for incarceration, charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Attempted Aggravated Arson and remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility in default of \$75,000.00 bail. Anyone with information regarding the fight in progress or attempted arson is asked to contact Det. Field at [jfield@pinehillpd.com](mailto:jfield@pinehillpd.com) or 856-783-1549 x 426

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