



Toms River Police Department

Officer Report for Case 23-66957

Nature: Theft

Address: 734 ROUTE 37 W; BLUE
FOUNTAIN RESTAURANT
TOMS RIVER NJ 08755

Location: L11

Offense Codes: TPBD

Received By: Auletta, A.

How Received: T

Agency: TRPD

Responding Officers: Spiecker, E., 230

Responsible Officer: Spiecker, E.

Disposition: ACT 12/08/23

When Reported: 13:40:23 12/08/23

Occurred Between: 12:15:01 12/08/23 and 12:45:59 12/08/23

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race:

Sex:

Phone:

City: ,

Offense Codes

Reported:

Observed: TPBD THEFT, PROP, BUILDING

Additional Offense: TPBD THEFT, PROP, BUILDING

Circumstances

LT21 Restaurant

Responding Officers:

Unit :

Spiecker, E.

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Responsible Officer: Spiecker, E.

Agency: TRPD

Received By: Auletta, A.

Last Radio Log: 14:23:50 12/08/23 COMP

How Received: T Telephone

Clearance: 6 Report

When Reported: 13:40:23 12/08/23

Disposition: ACT **Date:** 12/08/23

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 12:15:01 12/08/23

Misc Entry:

and: 12:45:59 12/08/23

Modus Operandi:

Description :

Method :

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
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Narrative

Toms River Police Department
Investigation Narrative

Incident: Theft of Property

Location: 734 Route 37 W; Blue Fountain Restaurant

Suspect(s): Unknown, Possibly an Employee of the Restaurant

Victim: [REDACTED]

Representative: Gaudencio Galeana-Cortes (Restaurant Owner)

Stolen/Recovered: 1 Brown Leather Purse w/Contents, Valued at \$100.00

On 12/8/23 at 1340, this officer responded to 734 Route 37 W; Blue Fountain Restaurant for a report of a lost purse. Upon arrival, contact was made with the victim, [REDACTED] who had returned to the scene with her son.

[REDACTED] explained that she dined at the restaurant with some friends, all of whom sat at one of the tables towards the back of the restaurant. The group finished eating at approximately 1230, and all left the restaurant. Once home, Iosue realized that she had left her purse (listed above) behind. [REDACTED] was then able to have her daughter utilize a phone tracking app to track her cell phone, which she had left in the purse. This app indicated that the phone (and likely the purse as well) was still somewhere on the restaurant's property. [REDACTED] then contacted the restaurant but staff was not helpful in her attempt to recover the items. As a result, [REDACTED] contacted TRPD for assistance with the matter.

After speaking with [REDACTED] this officer spoke to restaurant staff members and management, all of whom stated that they had not seen the purse. This officer then asked restaurant owner Gaudencio Galeana-Cortes about the restaurant's interior surveillance cameras, however it was learned that the surveillance system only displays live video and does not record.

Next, this officer checked the entire restaurant, including the ladies' restroom (after having a female employee first ensure that nobody was inside), with negative results for the purse, at the time. Following this, this officer walked around the exterior of the building, where the purse was found discarded on the property of 720 Route 37 W, which is an abandoned lot directly behind the Blue Fountain Restaurant. The purse was retrieved and returned to [REDACTED] who confirmed that nothing had been removed from the bag.

When asked, [REDACTED] stated that, despite the item being recovered with no proceeds taken, she still wished to file a police report for this event. Based on the circumstances (including a mostly elderly clientele for the restaurant), it appears that an unknown employee had taken the purse, looked through it and then discarded it after finding nothing of value contained within ([REDACTED] kept all of her credit cards and cash in her pocket).

[REDACTED] was provided with a report information card and advised to contact this agency should she learn any additional details regarding this incident.

Nothing further at this time.

Ptl. E. Spiecker #384