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**BRICK TOWNSHIP MASSAGE THERAPIST CHARGED WITH**

**SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Ocean County Prosecutor Bradley D. Billhimer announced today that Jonathan Higgins, age 28, of Toms River, was charged with Sexual Assault in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2c(1) on June 27, 2019.



Higgins, while employed as a massage therapist at Hand and Stone Massage & Facial Spa in Brick Township, committed an act of penetration on a female customer during the course of a massage on June 25, 2019. Higgins was arrested and processed at Brick Township Police Headquarters and transported to the Ocean County Jail where he is lodged pending a detention hearing.

Prosecutor Billhimer is urging anyone having information or who feels they may be a victim to please contact Detective Nicole Testa of the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office at 732-929-2027 or Detective Timothy McCarthy of the Brick Township Police at 732-262-1100.

The public and media are reminded that all defendants are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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