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Burglary Arrest

East Fallowfield, Pa.: On Thursday, November 15, 2007, Ms. Tamika Nicole Veliz, age 21, who has no known address, was arrested in the first block of N. Brandywine Avenue in the Borough of Modena. She was wanted on an outstanding non-traffic warrant and for burglary and related offenses stemming from an incident reported to have occurred on Wednesday, October 31, 2007. During that incident, it is alleged that she forcibly entered her mother's residence in Modena Borough by breaking through a rear door. Once inside she took clothing and CD's belonging to her sister. The family returned home and a confrontation took place between the suspect and her sister. While the sister was on her cellular telephone calling 9-1-1, the suspect approached her carrying a knife, pushed the victim up against a car and took her cellular telephone breaking it in half. The suspect then entered a vehicle and fled. She returned to the residence yesterday and the family notified police. Officers responded and took the suspect into custody after a brief struggle. A Taser X-26 was deployed to effect the arrest. After being secured in a police car in preparation for transport, the suspect began to repeatedly bang her head on the prisoner screen and window. She was processed and held briefly at Coatesville PD then transported by Pomeroy EMS to BHER for treatment of a minor head injury/laceration. She was then arraigned by Judge Charlie of the Thorndale District Court and committed to Chester County Prison in lieu of \$25,000 bail. South Coatesville and Coatesville police assisted.

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