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Investigators execute search warrants Tuesday after the arrest of Dr. James Kauffman at his Egg Harbor Township medical office.

Kauffman charged after search warrant incident

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EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP — The husband of slain radio talk show host April Kauffman was arrested Tuesday on charges unrelated to his wife's 2012 killing, after he pulled a gun and barricaded himself inside his medical office here to keep investigators from executing a search warrant, Atlantic County Prosecutor Damon Tyner said.

After a tense 45-minute standoff, Dr. James Kauffman, who threatened to kill himself and threatened police with a 9mm Ruger pistol, surrendered, Tyner said.

Kauffman, 68, of Linwood, was taken into custody, underwent a psychological examination and was taken to the Atlantic County jail in Mays Landing, where he is held pending a hearing on weapons charges stemming from the standoff. He is scheduled to appear Wednesday in court for a detention hearing.

Tyner said Kauffman was very unstable at the time police approached him, and he waved his handgun in a threatening manner toward the officers.

"He brandished a weapon and pointed it at law-enforcement officers," Tyner said.

The gun was one of 100 Kauffman owns legally, the prosecutor said. But the intent to harm an officer was a criminal offense, he said.

"He was very adamant that he did not want to be served with any type of papers," Tyner said in an afternoon press conference, one of two he held Tuesday.

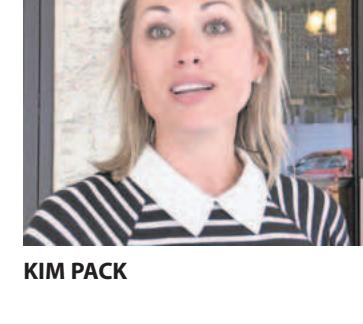
After Kauffman's arrest, investigators from the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, aided by FBI agents and Egg Harbor Township and Linwood police, spent the next several hours searching the medical offices and Kauffman's Linwood

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DR. JAMES KAUFFMAN



KIM PACK

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Residents react to the news of Dr. James Kauffman's arrest. **A2**

A timeline summarizes the series of events since April Kauffman was killed in 2012. **A2**

A map shows where Tuesday's standoff took place. **A2**

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See more photos and video from Tuesday's standoff and arrest at PressofAC.com.



TED GREENBERG / NBC10
Dr. James Kauffman is escorted by police after a standoff Tuesday at his medical office in Egg Harbor Township in this image from video. Authorities said he was medically evaluated, then taken to the Atlantic County jail.

Slain radio host's daughter reflects

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LINWOOD — Kim Pack, the daughter of slain radio host April Kauffman, said she was still processing the news.

She had gone jogging early Tuesday and left her phone at home. When she returned, she had several phone messages, including one from the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office saying they were ex-

cuting a search warrant at the offices of her mother's husband, Dr. James Kauffman.

"They did not elaborate. They did not say whether the charges were related to my mom's case or if it was something else," Pack said. "I have been finding things out through the media all day."

Prosecutor's Office investigators and Linwood and Egg

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MAYS LANDING — The missing swimmer whose body was found Monday evening in a quarry off Thelma Avenue has been identified.

Lenyn Mercedes-Payamps, 23, of Pleasantville, drowned while swimming, Hamilton Township police said Tuesday.

Mercedes-Payamps had tried to swim to a sandbar in the quarry, but was unable, police

said officers' investigation revealed. A witness attempted a rescue but was unsuccessful, police said.

The Police Department coordinated the response of rescue personnel to search for the swimmer, police said in a news release.

Divers from the Township of Hamilton Dive Team and the Brigantine Dive Team searched the quarry and recovered Mercedes-Payamps' body after about three hours of searching,

police said.

Assisting were a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter, township Emergency Management, the township Rescue Squad, AtlanticCare paramedics and the Mays Landing, Laureldale, Richland and Collings Lakes fire departments.

It's a different experience swimming in a "blue hole," as defunct quarries and sand mines are often called in South

KYLEE WATSON RETURNS VICTORIOUS



ERIN GRUGAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Mainland Regional High School freshman Kylee Watson, 15, leads a parade Tuesday from Linwood City Hall after winning a gold medal with the U.S. U16 National Team in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Story, **B1**.



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