



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
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SUBJECT: Backpack Snatched from Student

On Monday December 7 around 1:25 p.m., a University of Delaware student was walking on the sidewalk along South College Avenue near Winslow Road, in the area of the University's Morris Library. Without any warning or conversation, and without the victim aware of their presence, two people approached him from behind and pulled his backpack from his back. The two ran onto Winslow Road and cut into back yards of houses along the street. The victim gave chase, but lost sight of the suspects while they were in the yards. A K-9 from the Delaware State Police assisted with a track, which ended unsuccessfully near the intersection of Orchard Road and Kent Way.

The backpack contained a laptop computer, a text book, calculator, and other school supplies. The estimated total value of the stolen property is \$1,320.

The two suspects are similarly described as white males, 20 to 24 years of age, around 5' 9" tall, weighing 160 to 180 lbs, with average builds. Both were described as "scruffy", or having short beards. One wore a baggy black sweat suit; the other a baggy brown sweat suit. Both wore knit winter hats.

The victim is a 19 year-old male who was not injured.

Information regarding this incident can be reported to Det. Fred Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext 136 or Frederick.Nelson@cj.state.de.us. Information can also be anonymously reported to Crime Stoppers at 800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available.

Anonymous tips by text: Text 302NPD and your tip to TIP411 (847411).

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