



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

PRESS RELEASE

December 18, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Arrests Made in Set-Up Robbery

The Newark Police Department announces the arrest of two people for their participation in an armed robbery that occurred in the Cherry Hill Manor neighborhood on November 17. The investigation has revealed that the female “victim” of the robbery actually was a participant, serving as a conspirator with the robber.

The female, now known to be Desiree Pulliam, walked with the victim and notified her co-conspirator, William Malachi, that she and the victim were on the service road. Upon being told of their location, Malachi committed the robbery, knowing that the victim was carrying cash.

Pulliam and Malachi both live in the Cherry Hill Manor neighborhood. They were both arrested at their homes on the morning of December 18. Pulliam was charged with Robbery 1st Degree, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, and Criminal Solicitation. She was released after posting \$6,500 bail. Malachi was charged with Robbery 1st Degree, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony, Aggravated Menacing, and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. He was being held on \$22,250 bail.

An Airsoft gun, believed to be the weapon used during the robbery, was recovered during a search of Malachi’s house.

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| Desiree Pulliam | 10/8/1990 (19 years) | 4 Patrick Henry Ct, Newark |
| William H. Malachi | 3/16/1986 (23 years) | 9 Ethan Allen Ct, Newark |

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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SUBJECT: Armed Street Robbery, Cherry Hill Manor

On Tuesday November 17 around 8:15 p.m., a street robbery was committed in the Cherry Hill Manor neighborhood in Newark. The two victims were walking on an unlit service road between Nathan Hale Court and Ethan Allen Court when the suspect ran up to them. The suspect placed an object, which the victim believed to be a gun, to the male victim's head. The victim went to the ground and surrendered money from his pocket. The suspect briefly pointed the gun at the female victim, and then ran off. The suspect said nothing during the incident.

Due to the dark environment, the victims could not provide a detailed description. The suspect is believed to be a male, about 6 feet tall, wearing dark clothing that included a hooded jacket or sweatshirt.

The victims, an 18 year-old male and 19 year-old female, both live in the neighborhood. Neither was injured. Neither are University of Delaware students.

Information can be reported to Det. Mike Watson at 302-366-7110 ext. 133 or Michael.Watson@cj.state.de.us. Information can also be anonymously reported to Crime Stoppers at 800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available.

Text 302NPD and your tip to TIP411 (847411).

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