



# **NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT: Purse Snatch Leads to Suspect Driving at Officer,  
Who Shoots at Suspect**

The Newark Police Department is actively involved in an investigation and search for a suspect in an incident that began around 4:30 p.m. today. At that time, two males in a pick-up truck committed a strong arm robbery by forcibly snatching a purse from a female victim near the Pep Boys in the College Square Shopping Center on Library Avenue, Newark. A witness was able to provide a description of the truck and the registration number.

Around 5:05 p.m. the pick-up was located in the parking lot of the Boston Market at 1050 South College Avenue, Newark. A Newark Police officer arrived and was walking behind the building when the pick-up drove toward him. The officer attempted to move from the vehicle's path, but the truck veered toward the officer, who was now directly against a curb and flower bed. Fearing for his safety, the officer fired one shot from his handgun toward the driver.

The pick-up continued driving out of the parking lot and traveled west on Welch Tract Road. Other responding units took up pursuit of the pick-up as it traveled into Maryland via Elkton Road. After making several turns on back roads in Maryland, the officers briefly lost sight of the truck. Shortly up the road, the truck was found crashed into a tree. The suspect was not in the vehicle when officers arrived at the crash scene. It is not known if the suspect was struck by the officer's bullet.

A search was conducted by officers on foot, a helicopter, and a K-9. At the time of this writing, the suspect has not been located and the search continues.

The second suspect was located by officers inside the Boston Market and was taken into custody without incident.

At this time the identity of the suspects and the officer involved are not being released. An update to this information is expected to be released at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday January 27.

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