



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Shoe Burglar In Custody

The Newark Police Department announces the arrest of the “Shoe Burglar”. Working from the description of the yellow Mitsubishi Eclipse provided by a witness, the investigator was able to connect the defendant to numerous burglaries and thefts involving men’s shoes and photographs of men.

Three truckloads of stolen property were recovered from the defendant’s house. The property includes approximately 150 boxes of shoes and photographs. A count has not yet been conducted, but it is a safe estimate that the boxes contain several thousand shoes. Several fraternity composite pictures were also seized. The remaining recovered items include eight guitars, one mandolin, eight snowboards, a surfboard, and sports equipment that were also stolen during the burglaries. It has been confirmed that the shoes recovered last week from the Little Elk Creek in Cecil County, MD were part of the shoe burglar’s stash. The investigation revealed that the defendant has been stealing shoes in and around Newark for about 20 years.

The defendant:

Walter J. Rubincan	7/1/1963 (46 years)	108 W. Cobblefield Court, Newark
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He is charged with burglaries and/or theft in the following incidents:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date of Report</i>
200 block West Main Street	12/31/05
First block New London Road	4/2/06
100 block South Chapel Street	7/9/06
100 block West Main Street	8/11/06
First block East Park Place	12/21/06
First block Ritter Lane	12/30/06
100 block West Main Street	6/22/07
100 block Water Works Lane	8/14/07
First block Benny Street	8/16/07
First block Kells Avenue	8/19/07
First block Ritter Lane	8/26/07
100 block Water Works Lane	11/25/07
First block Hillside Road	12/21/07
700 block Wollaston Avenue	1/2/08
First block Choate Street	12/26/08



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First block North Street	1/1/09
First block Choate Street	11/28/09
100 block East Park Place	12/30/09
First block East Park Place	12/31/09
First block East Park Place	12/31/09
First block East Park Place	12/31/09
700 block Wollaston Avenue	1/3/10
700 block Academy Street	1/8/10
700 block Academy Street	1/8/10
700 block Wollaston Avenue	1/12/10

The charges total 25 counts of Burglary 2nd Degree, 77 counts of Theft, and 15 counts of Criminal Mischief. At the time of this writing, Rubincan is awaiting a bond hearing.

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

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