



# NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT: Two Arrested for Newark Apartment Burglaries**

The Newark Police Department is currently investigating a series of residential burglaries that occurred over a five day period in February at the Pine Brook Apartments located on Wharton Drive. The Criminal Investigation Division arrested Christopher Carroll (DOB 7/8/82), a tenant of the complex, and Charles Buckner (DOB 6/19/68), a maintenance man at the complex.

Christopher Carroll, formerly of the 400 block of Wharton Drive, was charged with 3 counts of Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 3 counts of Theft > \$1500, 1 count of Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 count of Conspiracy 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 2 counts of Filing a False Police Report.

Charles Buckner, formerly of the 100 block of Wharton Drive, was charged with 3 counts of Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 3 counts of Theft > \$1500, 1 count of Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 count of Conspiracy 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 count of Criminal Solicitation 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 1 count of Filing a False Police Report.

The investigation revealed that the pair used a master key to enter into apartments, without force to remove property, usually consisting of jewelry. The pair then reported fake burglaries at the complex in an attempt to cover their tracks. The apartment complex management assisted the Newark Police in this investigation. The tenant has since been removed from the property and the maintenance man was terminated from employment.

Photographs are attached.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Michael Watson at 302-366-7110 ext. 133 or [Michael.Waston@cj.state.de.us](mailto:Michael.Waston@cj.state.de.us). You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available.

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

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