



## **NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SUBJECT: Arrest in Attempted Residential Burglary**

On Sunday April 4 around 1:30 a.m. people on a rooftop deck of a house in the first block of East Cleveland Avenue saw a car park in the parking lot of 60 North College Avenue, directly behind the house. They could see the sole occupant of the car looking at houses through binoculars while still in the car.

The suspect then walked to the house where the witnesses were on the roof. The suspect appeared to try to gain entry to the house through a window. When that was not successful, he walked around the house and attempted to gain entry through a door. At that time, the suspect was scared off by the people on the deck. However, officers had arrived at the suspect's car, and intercepted him before he was able to get into the vehicle. The suspect was taken into custody in the parking lot.

He had in his possession a hammer, screwdriver, multi-tool, flashlight, black mask, gloves, and a folding knife. An inspection of the window where the suspect was seen revealed that the screen had been cut. The door the suspect attempted to enter was found to be ajar, although it had been closed by the residents.

#### **The defendant:**

<b>Darrin C. Raetsch</b>	<b>5/27/1980 (29 years)</b>	<b>47 Julie Lane, Newark 19711</b>
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Raetsch was charged with Attempted Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Possession of Burglary Tools, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (knife), and Criminal Mischief. He was brought before a Justice of the Peace and was released on an unsecured bond of \$11,600.

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

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