



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Arrests Made in Armed Street Robbery

An armed street robbery occurred in the parking lot of the Shell gas station at 1005 South College Avenue, Newark on May 23, 2010 around 1:55 a.m. The two victims were walking through the lot when they were approached by three suspects. One displayed a handgun, and struck one of victims on the face with the gun. All three suspects demanded money from the victims. The victims complied and surrendered cash to the suspects.

At that time, two New Castle County Police Officers who had just finished a duty assignment were driving on S. College Ave. They observed the robbery in progress and intervened. The suspects ran, and the New Castle County officers gave chase on foot. Each County officer was able to catch a suspect and take him into custody.

The gun used by the suspects was found discarded nearby. It was determined to be a BB gun that closely resembled an actual handgun.

Both victims are 21 year-old males. One is from Scottsdale, AZ; the second is from Dundalk, MD. Neither is a University of Delaware student. The victim from Arizona, who was struck with the gun, was taken to Christiana Hospital. He was treated for minor injuries and was released. The other victim was not injured.

The defendants:

Gerald L. Nichols, Jr.	7/8/1991 (18 years)	2 Presidential Dr, Wilmington, DE
Jabbar M. Jones, Jr.	6/28/1994 (15 years)	816 E. 28th St., Wilmington, DE

Each was charged with two counts of Robbery 1st Degree and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. Both were transferred to the Department of Corrections on secured bond of \$2,200. The identity of the third suspect is still being investigated.

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Newark Police Chief Paul Tiernan said, “The Newark Police Department extends its gratitude to the New Castle County Police Department, and in particular to the two officers who courageously encountered, chased, and caught these potentially-armed suspects who had just committed a violent robbery.”

Information about this robbery can be reported to Det. Nick Sansone at 302-366-7110 ext. 135 or Nick.Sansone@cj.state.de.us. Information can also be anonymously reported to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available.

Anonymous text tips: text 302NPD and your tip to TIP411 (847411).

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

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