



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Shooting in Newark Shopping Center

On Sunday 06/06/2010 at approximately 0140 hours two Newark Police Officers were on patrol on East Main Street in the area of the Newark Shopping Center, 230 East Main Street, when one officer observed a flash of light and the sound of a gunshot coming from the shopping center parking lot. The officers entered into the parking lot and then observed the defendant pointing a handgun at a group of males. The defendant was then observed by the officers firing multiple rounds at this group. The defendant then noticed the officers presence and began to run from the scene. During the ensuing foot chase the suspect discarded the weapon. The suspect was apprehended after failing to get into a locked vehicle. The suspect was then arrested.

The two victims of the incident are a 22 and 25 year old males from Arizona, they did not sustain any injuries. Officers recovered a black Ruger .22 caliber handgun. Investigation into the incident revealed that a fist fight led up to the shooting.

The defendant was identified as Bruce H. Matthews II, DOB 11/12/1981 28 years old, of 42 Chaddwyck Blvd. New Castle, DE 19720. Matthews was charged with: 1 count of Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony, 2 counts of Reckless Endangerment 1st degree, and 1 count of Resisting Arrest. He was issued \$24,500 secured bail and transported to Gander Hill Prison.

Photograph Attached

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Nick Sansone 302-366-7110 ext. 135 or Nick.Sansone@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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