



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police



PRESS RELEASE

August 12, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Two Charged in Rite-Aid Robbery

The two suspects responsible for the armed robbery of the Rite-Aid pharmacy in Newark on Friday August 6 have been identified and arrested. The investigation led to the pair after a witness provided the registration number of a car seen driving erratically on Elkton Road. Although at the time the witness did not know the car was fleeing from a robbery that had just been committed, the manner in which the car was being operated caused sufficient concern that the witness documented the tag and type of car.

Roman Schurga, the owner of the car, surrendered himself at the Newark Police Department on the evening of Wednesday August 11. David (Dean) Ranken was arrested at his home on the morning of Thursday August 12. Both were charged with Robbery 1st Degree and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. Both were being held on a secured bond of \$5,250.

The defendants:

Roman J. Schurga	12/5/1982 (27 years)	19 Top View Court, Newark 19702
David (Dean) Ranken, III	7/15/1982 (28 years)	1307 Colin Drive, Wilmington 19804

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Original release follows.

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

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08/06/2010

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SUBJECT: Armed Robbery
Rite Aid
263 Elkton Road
Newark De

At approx 1325 hrs 2 suspects entered the Rite Aid located at 263 Elkton Rd Newark DE 19711. One suspect walked into the store and walked to the back while the other stayed towards the front. The male in the back of the store lingered around the pharmacy counter until there were no customers. That male then approached the counter, and displayed a black pistol type handgun. He handed the pharmacy tech a plastic bag and a note that stated that he was armed and wanted the safe opened. The note requested medications. The pharmacy tech then had the pharmacist open the safe and turned over a bag of prescription medications to the suspect. The suspect sprinted out of the store, with the other male following behind him. No victims were injured during the robbery.

S1- A white male in his late 20s to 30s, short brown hair, 5'09-6'00, medium built. He was wearing a red t-shirt, black baseball cap, dark colored shorts, and sunglasses. Armed with a black handgun.

S2- A white male in his late 20s to 30s, with short brown hair, 5'11-6'00, larger framed. He has a small amount of facial hair on his chin. He was wearing a polo style shirt with red and black horizontal stripes and the number, "72" on the back. He was also wearing a black colored Chicago Bulls baseball cap and sunglasses.

V1- A 21 year old male.

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