



## NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**SUBJECT: Attempted Robbery with Apprehension**

An attempted street robbery occurred on Tuesday August 31 around 10:35 p.m. The victim was walking along Duke Street in the School Lane Apartments when he was approached by the suspect, who demanded money and put his hand into the victim's pocket. The victim attempted to run away, but was pushed to the ground. The suspect began to punch and kick the victim, but did not obtain any of the victim's property. The victim resisted the robbery attempt, to include biting the suspect on the arm. Eventually, the victim was able to escape from the suspect. A witness observing the attempted robbery called 911, and provided a description of the suspect, as well as the direction which the suspect walked after leaving the complex.

A Newark Police officer who was searching the area for the described suspect found him walking in the parking lot of College Square Shopping Center. He was positively identified as the suspect, partly due to the bite mark left by the victim.

The defendant;

Leval E. Petty	7/28/81 (29 years)	38 Mavista Circle, Newark 19713
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Petty, from the Brookside neighborhood east of Newark, was charged with Attempted Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. After an initial appearance at Justice of the Peace Court 20, he was committed to Young Correctional Facility in default of \$30,000 secured bond.

The victim, a 21 year-old male, suffered abrasions and bruising but did not require medical treatment.

Any additional information can be reported to Det. Michael Watson at 302-366-7110 ext 133 or [Michael.Watson@cj.state.de.us](mailto:Michael.Watson@cj.state.de.us). Anonymous text tips: text 302NPD and your info to TIP411 (847411).

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

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