



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Residential Burglary with Apprehension

A residential burglary took place in the 200 block of Kells Ave. on September 18, 2010 around 4:30 a.m. A resident of the house awoke to find a stranger in his bedroom. Upon being confronted, the intruder claimed he was in the wrong house and left. The resident then saw that cash from his wallet was now on a chair where the suspect had been standing. Realizing the suspect had attempted to steal his money, the victim woke his roommate, and the two went looking for the intruder.

They saw the suspect a short distance down the street and gave chase when he ran off. The two residents caught and detained the suspect on the James Hall Trail, south of Kells Ave. Police arrived and took the suspect into custody on the trail.

An examination of the crime scene showed that the suspect had cut a window screen, then entered the house through the unlocked window. The suspect was just about to steal the money when he was confronted by the resident. No other property was stolen. The residents are both 20 year-old male University of Delaware students.

The defendant:

John D. Morton	5/21/1987 (23 years)	313 Brady Lane, Middletown, DE
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Morton was charged with Burglary 2nd Degree, Attempted Theft, and Criminal Mischief. He was released after posting a \$500 bond.

Information can be reported to Det. Greg D'Elia at 302-366-7110 ext 132 or greg.delia@cj.state.de.us.

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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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