



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Strong-arm Robbery of Purse

On October 6, 2010 shortly before 11:00 p.m., a patron of the Sunoco at 287 Elkton Road, Newark, left her purse behind after leaving the store. Upon realizing she forgot the purse, she returned to the store about ten minutes later. The purse was not there, and the employee told the victim that a person carrying a purse had just walked out of the business.

The victim saw a man and woman walking across the street and caught up to them in the St. John's AUMP cemetery. The victim asked the couple if they had found her purse, and they replied that they had not. However, while speaking with the couple, the victim saw a strap of the purse hanging out from beneath the male suspect's shirt. The victim grabbed for her purse, and the female suspect began to pull the victim's hair and punch her. The male grabbed the victim's hand and attempted to pull her grip off of the purse. He also bit the victim on the hand. The assault caused the victim to lose her grip, and the suspects ran off into the College Park neighborhood.

The suspects are a black male, approximately 5' 8" tall, with a thin build, and a black female about 5' 8" tall.

The victim, a 30 year-old female, suffered scratches and bruising, but did not require medical attention.

An officer investigating the scene recovered the purse a short distance away. The cash from within the purse had been stolen.

Video surveillance footage is being reviewed. If video of the suspects becomes available, it will be sent in a subsequent release.

Information can be reported to Det. Greg D'Elia at 302-366-7110 ext 132 or greg.delia@cj.state.de.us. Information can also be anonymously reported to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333. Text 302NPD and your info to TIP411 (847411).

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