



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Shotgun Fired Among Crowd at Apartment Building

An incident involving a shotgun took place at the Main Street Courtyard Apartments, 329 E. Main St, on Sunday October 10 around 1:15 a.m. A resident of a third floor apartment returned to the building with friends and found a crowd of people on the common balcony area of the third floor. The crowd was apparently from a party in a nearby apartment that had spilled out onto the balcony. A friend of the resident became involved in an argument, and then a physical fight with a member of the crowd.

In response to the fight, the resident, Michael Shuba, retrieved a shotgun from within his apartment. Upon exiting his apartment, he hit one person in the head with the butt of the gun and pointed the gun at that person, and then fired a shot into the air (the building has no roof overhead). The crowd quickly cleared from the building. During the incident, a window of Shuba's apartment was broken.

Responding officers found Shuba and the shotgun inside his apartment. During a subsequent search, a marijuana grinder and water pipe/bong were also found.

The defendant:

Michael D. Shuba	3/20/1989 (21 years)	329 E. Main St, Newark, DE
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Shuba, who is not a student at the University of Delaware, was charged with Assault 2nd Degree, Reckless Endangering 1st Degree, Aggravated Menacing, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony, Discharging a Firearm, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was committed to the Young Correctional Facility after failing to post a secured bond in the amount of \$50,150.



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The victim who was struck with the gun suffered an abrasion, but did not require medical attention.

Information regarding this incident can be reported to Cpl. Jay Conover at 302-366-7110 ext 443 or Jay.Conover@cj.state.de.us. Information can also be anonymously reported to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available.

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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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