



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Three Arrested While Preparing to Steal Vehicle Parts

Three people are in custody after they were apprehended while preparing to steal parts from vehicles at a Newark car dealership. A security officer working for Porter Nissan saw a van pull into the vacant Cleveland Heights neighborhood, but did not notice the van leave. (Cleveland Heights borders Porter Nissan). The guard notified the Newark Police.

Responding officers found the van parked in the rear yard of a house, near the fence line of Porter Nissan. The door to the van was open, and the officer saw a person inside. He was taken into custody. Immediately thereafter, two other people who were found crouching behind the house were also taken into custody.

An inspection of the van showed that the rear seats had been removed to provide cargo area. Dark plastic trash bags were taped to the interior of the windows to prevent anyone from seeing inside. Found in the van were a hydraulic jack, a crate of bricks and concrete blocks, bolt cutters, a hammer, two tire wrenches, several lug nut keys, and gloves.

The defendants:

Wilson D. Adams	11/6/1970 (39 years)	2 Tie Street, Medford, NY
Tony Chichester	7/6/1988 (22 years)	11105 95th Street, Queens, NY
Jose A. Diaz	4/20/1987 (23 years)	954 Anderson Ave, Bronx, NY

Each was charged with Possession of Burglar's Tools, Attempted Theft, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, and Trespassing. All were committed to the Young Correctional Facility in default of \$7,000 bond.

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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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