



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Man with Gun Charged in Domestic-Related Incident

The Newark Police have arrested William Johnson with charged him with 17 criminal offenses after an incident that occurred on October 21 around 5:30 p.m. The Newark 911 Center received a call about a man with a gun on O'Daniel Avenue. The responding officers could not locate the gunman, but soon found the victims of the incident. The investigation revealed the following:

The victim is the former girlfriend of Johnson, and was a passenger in a car being driven by her current boyfriend. Also in the car were a male friend of the victim and the victim's two small children. As the car was being driven on O'Daniel Ave, Johnson pulled in front of the victims' vehicle, causing it to stop. Johnson then got out of his vehicle, opened the front door of the victim vehicle, and punched the driver. Johnson then opened the back door of the car, pulled the male passenger from the car, and began a fight with the man.

After punches were exchanged, Johnson got back into his car and drove backward down O'Daniel Ave, toward a house where he is known to stay. The driver of the victim's car parked and the group began to walk toward the victim's house. While entering the house, the victims saw Johnson walking toward them, carrying a handgun. Johnson cocked the hammer of the gun as he approached. The victims entered the house, and Johnson shortly began banging on the door. Johnson banged repeatedly, but eventually left when the door was not opened.

Officers located Johnson at a residence on O'Daniel Ave. and took him into custody. It was learned that there was an active court order for Johnson to have no contact with the victim. Johnson was charged with 5 counts of Aggravated Menacing, 5 counts of Reckless Endangering, 2 counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, 2 counts of Offensive Touching, and 1 count each of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, and Breach of Release. After an initial appearance at JP Court #2, Johnson was committed to the Young Correctional Facility in default of \$32,000 bond.



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The defendant:

William A. Johnson	5/3/1981 (29 years)	45 Fleming St, Newark
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Information related to this incident can be reported to Cpl. Brandon Walker at 302-366-7110 ext 460 or Brandon.Walker@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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