



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Search Warrant leads to Burglary Arrests

Since late November, the Newark Police Department has been investigating a series of residential burglaries in the George Read Village neighborhood. Detectives developed information which indicated that a neighbor was responsible for the break-ins. On Monday December 20, 2010 the Newark Police Criminal Investigation Division executed two search warrants on Thompson Circle in George Read Village. These search warrants were executed with the intent to locate evidence of the recent burglaries in the neighborhood. As a result of the search warrants three defendant were arrested in connection to three burglaries on Thompson Circle.

The first burglary on Thompson Circle was reported to police on 11/28/10 where a flat screen TV and a gaming system were stolen. The second burglary was reported on 12/12/10 where two flat screen TV's, jewelry and a camera were stolen. The third burglary was reported on 12/16/10 where three flat screen TV's, a gaming system and an IPOD were stolen.

Defendant #1: Kristen Hymer DOB 07/23/1992 (18 years old)
43 Thompson Circle, Newark, DE

Defendant #2: 17 year old juvenile male
Thompson Circle, Newark, DE

Charges: Burglary 2nd Degree, 3 counts
Theft, 8 counts
Conspiracy 2nd Degree, 3 counts
Selling Stolen Property, 2 counts
Criminal Mischief

Defendant #3: Aaron Bragg DOB 01/27/1992 (18 years old)
45 Thompson Circle, Newark, DE

Charges: Burglary 2nd Degree
Conspiracy 2nd Degree
Theft, 3 counts

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Kristen Hymer is currently being held at the Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on \$7,000 secured bond. Aaron Bragg is currently being held at the Howard R. Young Correctional Institute on \$4,500 secured bond. The 17 year old juvenile was issued \$30,500 unsecured bond and released to his parents.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Michael Watson 302-366-7110 ext. 133 or Michael.Watson@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available.

Photograph of Kristen Hymer is attached

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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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