



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Strong Arm Robbery of Lottery Tickets

The Newark Police Department is requesting the public's assistance in identifying a suspect involved in a strong arm robbery which occurred at the Cigarette City locate in the College Square Shopping Center on Friday, 12/24/2010 at 1044am. The suspect requested 4 scratch-off lottery tickets valued at \$50. When the clerk placed the tickets on the counter the suspect grabbed the tickets and fled out the front door. The clerk chased the suspect and confronted her as she attempted to enter into her vehicle, which was parked and running in front of the store. The clerk managed to grab the steering wheel in an attempt to prevent the suspect from fleeing, however, she was able to push him out of the way, put the vehicle into gear and drive away. The momentum of the fleeing vehicle caused the clerk to fall to the ground, injuring his left wrist. The vehicle was last seen exiting College Square Shopping Center towards Marrows Road. It is unknown which direction the suspect took on Marrows Road.

The suspect is described as a light skinned black female, approximately 5'8" tall with a slightly larger than average build. She was wearing a blue shirt and dark colored jacket and had a Delaware Park Casino Player's Club card around her neck on a purple lanyard.

The suspect vehicle is described as a dark colored SUV. The registration plate was covered with what appeared to be a shirt preventing display of the registration.

The injuries to the clerk consisted of a swollen left wrist and forearm, which did not require medical treatment at the scene.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Officer Peter Barnes at 302-366-7110 ext. 432 or peter.barnes@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.

Photographs of suspect and suspect vehicle is attached.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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