



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Strong Arm Robbery Arrest

On Sunday, January 16th, 2011 at approximately 2:07am the Newark Police Department was called to the 100 block of North College Avenue for a report of a strong arm robbery of a 19 year old female University of Delaware student. Immediately following this robbery the suspect was chased down and apprehended by several witnesses and the victim. Upon arrival NPD officers took custody of the suspect, Julio J. Sanchez-Zarate who was being detained by several witnesses.

The victim in this incident advised that she had just left a residence in the 100 block of North College Avenue (town homes) and was walking alone behind that residence in the parking lot area. She related that while walking the suspect ran up behind her, grabbed her from behind, covered her mouth and pulled her to the ground. The suspect then pulled her into an open garage. The victim attempted to call 911 with her cell phone, which was in her hand, however, the suspect knocked the phone from her hand. The suspect then grabbed the victim's wallet and fled on foot. The victim then gave chase of the suspect as he fled onto North Street and began shouting at him to stop and drop her wallet. One witness who had observed the incident also gave chase with the victim as the suspect fled onto North Street. As the suspect, victim and witness were running on North Street occupants of a vehicle, which was parked at the entrance of the townhouse complex, began to chase the suspect in their vehicle. The driver of this vehicle was able to pull her vehicle in front of the running suspect causing him to stop running. Two male passengers in this vehicle then exited the vehicle and detained the suspect until police arrived.

The victim suffered scratches and cuts to her left hand, both legs, bridge of her nose, and above her lip.

**Suspect: Julio J. Sanchez-Zarate, DOB 01/09/78 (33 years old)
2510 Newell Dr, Wilmington DE 19808**

**Charges: Robbery 1st
Malicious Interference with Emergency Communications**

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

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The suspect was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institute in lieu of \$25,000 secured bail.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact PFC Adam Mease at 302-366-7110 ext. 404 or adam.mease@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 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

Photograph of suspect attached.

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