



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

February 28, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Arrest Made in George Wilson Robbery

On February 26, 2011 Tommy Collins, a 17 year old male, was arrested for the February 5, 2011 armed robbery in the parking lot of the George Wilson Center, located at 303 New London Road. (Please see original press release attached below). An analysis of the victim's cell phone records (post robbery) and assistance from the Delaware State Police, led to the discovery of Tommy Collins as a suspect. Collins was arraigned through Justice of the Peace Court #11 and issued \$16,000 secured bond. Bond was posted and Collins was released to his mother's custody.

Defendant: Tommy Collins, 17 year old male
312 West 8th Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Charges: Robbery 1st Degree
Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony

Photograph of defendant attached to email.

Original Press Release Below

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

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PRESS RELEASE, Continued

ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE

February 7, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: George Wilson Center Street Robbery

A street robbery occurred in the parking lot of the George Wilson Center located at 303 New London Road on February 5, 2011 at approximately 10:25 p.m. The victim had just left a large private party at the George Wilson Center and was in the parking lot when a large fight broke out. The victim and several others ran from the fight but returned to search for a friend. While walking back through the lot the victim was approached by a suspect who displayed a black semi-automatic handgun. Approximately 10-20 additional subjects then surrounded the victim. The suspect then removed the victims cell phone from his jacket pocket and fled on foot southbound on New London Road towards Main Street.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 16-17 years old, 5'6" to 5'8", 130-150 lbs., thin build, wearing a black jacket and a black ski mask.

The victim, a 16 year-old, was not injured.

Anyone with information about this robbery is asked to contact Det. Mike Watson at 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 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

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