



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Attempted Robbery Howard Johnsons

The Newark Police Department is investigating an attempted armed robbery that occurred on 5/21/11 at 10:53pm at the Howard Johnsons Hotel located at 1119 South College Avenue. During this incident the suspect entered the lobby, pointed a small black handgun at the clerk and demanded money. The clerk then retreated into a back office and the suspect left the lobby without receiving any money.

The suspect is described as a thin, light skinned black male, approximately 5'8" to 6'1" tall, wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt with the hood up and a white scarf covering his face. The suspect was also wearing white socks over his hands and had an unknown dark colored apron or shirt draped around his waist.

The suspect was last seen fleeing into an interior hallway for the Howard Johnsons.

Photos of suspect attached. NOTE- Time stamp on photos is not accurate.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Cpl. Marc DiFrancesco at 302-366-7110 ext. 402 or marc.difrancesco@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.

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

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