



# NEWS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT: Main Street Assault Arrest**

On Wednesday June 1, 2011 the Newark Police were notified of an assault that had occurred at approximately 2:05 a.m. in the Newark Parking Authority Lot #1 located at 54 East Delaware Avenue. The victim had been taken by private car to Christiana Hospital after sustaining serious physical injury to his head and face. The injuries consisted of fractures to the nose and eye area, and possible brain injuries.

The investigation revealed that the victim and his girlfriend (also a victim) were involved in a confrontation with the suspect at a business on East Main Street. During this incident, words were exchanged and the suspect punched the male victim, causing no injury. The victims left the area and walked to the NPA lot to pay and leave. The victims were followed by the suspect to this location. The suspect approached them and knocked the female victim to the ground, by sweeping out her legs. As the male victim was attempting to pay for parking at the automated pay station, he was punched in the face, causing the serious injury. The investigation led to the identity of the suspect and an arrest warrant was issued.

On June 2, Detectives arrested Joseph E. Murach, DOB 11/11/1988, 2403 Scholar Drive Newark, DE. Murach was charged with:

- 1 count of Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- 2 counts of Offensive Touching

Murach was arraigned through Justice of the Peace Court #2 and issued \$6,000 secured bail, which was posted and he was released.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Michael Watson 302-366-7110 ext. 133 or [Michael.Watson@cj.state.de.us](mailto: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](http://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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