



## **NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Subject: Witness reports possible abduction; Police Seek Information**

On Sunday, June 12 around 8:20 p.m., a sole witness made a report of what appeared to be an abduction of a pedestrian on Thorn Lane near Madison Drive in Newark. The witness saw an apparent victim step in front of an approaching silver SUV. The driver and passenger got out of the vehicle, grabbed the victim, put her in the SUV, and drove off at a normal rate of speed. There was no struggle, screaming, or other sign of distress from the apparent victim.

The vehicle is described as a silver SUV, possibly a Chevy Trailblazer SS, with shiny rims, dark tinted windows, and a set of custom brake lights running across the rear windshield. The driver is described as a white male, 5' 8" to 6' tall, wearing a white long-sleeve shirt, and a black mask. The passenger is described as a white male of similar height. The victim is described as a white female in her 20's, dark hair, wearing jean shorts, a white bathing suit top or sports bra, and flip-flops or similar shoes.

In the past, similar reports have been investigated and discovered to be pranks, staged occurrences, filmed events for a project, and other non-criminal actions—all unbeknownst to the reporting witness.

At this time, the Newark Police Department has not been able to corroborate that an abduction occurred and is seeking information. If this was a staged event, the persons involved are encouraged to come forward with that information, so no further investigative effort is put forth. Those involved would face no trouble or charges from the Newark Police by providing such information.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Det. Michael Szep at 302-366-7110 ext. 136 or [michael.szep@cj.state.de.us](mailto:michael.szep@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.

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