



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Large Fight Leads to Serious Injury

On Sunday July 24, 2011 at approximately 12:48 a.m., the Newark Police Department responded to the 100 block of East Cleveland Avenue for a report of a large fight. Numerous calls came into the Newark 911 Center reporting that over 100 people were involved. Newark Police and University of Delaware Police responded to the area and saw several different groups of people fighting. It took multiple units from both agencies to clear the crowds.

Officers observed a group of people tending to someone on the ground. The 23 year old male victim was located lying on the front lawn of a residence with blood covering his head and face. An ambulance was called for and he was transported to Christiana Hospital. The victim suffered several lacerations to the face, an orbital fracture, a nasal fracture, and swelling of the brain.

Witnesses reported that several fights broke out in the area and somehow the victim became involved in one after a male allegedly punched his girlfriend. It was described that approximately ten people were striking the victim and then one male struck the victim in the head with a glass bottle, knocking him to the ground, where others began to kick and stomp him. The suspect that struck the victim with the bottle is described as a white male in his 20's, 6'00" tall, 145 lbs., wearing a white tank top, blue jean shorts, very tan complexion, a chin-strap beard with "DC" shaved into right side of his head and multiple tattoos on his arms. Investigators are seeking additional witnesses and information on the described suspect.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Corporal Robert Vernon 302-366-7110 ext. 452 or Robert.Vernon@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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