



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

November 2nd, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject: Joint Investigation Results in Arrest of Three for Two Strong Arm Robberies

On October 29th, 2011, Shamar Turner of Claymont, Kari Benson of Glen Mills, Pa, and Demetrius Yancey of New Castle were arrested for their involvement in a strong arm robbery of two University of Delaware students on October 19th, 2011 in the City of Newark and an attempted strong arm robbery in Claymont several hours later.

During the course of their investigation, Newark PD Detectives became aware of the similarities of the Newark robbery and the Claymont attempted robbery. The victim from the Claymont attempted robbery had obtained a partial tag number and described the suspect vehicle to Newark PD. With assistance from the University of Delaware Police Department, UD investigators were able to capture the suspect vehicle on their video surveillance camera system thereby providing an accurate description of the suspect vehicle.

This information was then disseminated to local law enforcement and on October 29th, 2011 a Newark Police patrol officer observed the vehicle travelling on Elkton Road. The officer stopped the vehicle and identified the occupants as Turner, Benson and Yancey.

Investigators from NPD and NCCPD were then able to determine that Turner and Benson were responsible for the Newark robbery, and that all three defendants were involved in the Claymont attempted robbery several hours earlier.

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The following are the charges lodged by Newark PD and New Castle County PD collectively:

Defendant 1: Shamar Turner DOB 5/23/93
3031 West Court Ave Claymont DE 197103

Charges: 2 counts Robbery 1st
1 Count Attempted Robbery 1st
2 counts Conspiracy 2nd
- Committed to Howard R Young Correctional on \$79,000 cash bail

Defendant 2: Kari Benson DOB 10/21/91
1125 Smith Ridge Rd Glen Mills Pa

Charges 2 counts Robbery 1st
1 Count Attempted Robbery 1st
2 counts Conspiracy 2nd
- Committed to Howard R Young Correctional on \$79,000 cash bail

Defendant 3: Demetrius Yancey DOB 2/14/93
16 Pyles Lane New Castle DE 19720

Charges: 1 Ct Attempted Robbery 1st
1 Ct Conspiracy 2nd
- Committed to Howard R Young Correctional on \$27,000 cash bail

Anyone with additional information about this investigation should contact Det. Gregory Delia at 302-366-7110 ext. 132 or greg.delia@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.

Original NPD Press Release dated 10/19/11 attached

Original NCCPD Press Release dated 10/19/11 attached

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SUBJECT: Newark Police Investigate Strong Arm Robbery

The Newark Police Department is investigating a strong arm robbery of two victims which occurred on October 19th, 2011 at approximately 1:30am on New London Road. During this incident the two victims were walking northbound on the sidewalk of New London Road near Ray Street when they were approached by two unknown black males. Both victims were struck in the face by the two suspects who then stole both victims backpacks which contained computers, and educational materials. The suspects fled on foot across New London Road to a white, older model 4 door Chevrolet sedan. Two additional black males were waiting at this vehicle. The vehicle then fled northbound on New London Road. No weapons were displayed during the robbery.

Victim 1 is a 20 year old male University of Delaware student from Bolton, Massachusetts. He sustained facial swelling but refused medical treatment.

Victim 2 is an 18 year old male University of Delaware student from Norwood, New Jersey. He sustained facial swelling and a laceration to his head but refused medical treatment.

Suspect 1 is described as an average build black male 5'8" to 5'10" tall.

Suspect 2 is described as an average build black male 6' to 6'1" tall.

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Male Robbed While Walking to Bus Stop

New Castle County Police are currently investigating a reported strong arm robbery of a 28 year old Claymont man that occurred early this morning as he was walking in the 2200 block of Washington Ave in the community of Kenilworth in Claymont, DE.

Early this morning (10/19) at 6:20 a.m., County Police responded to the area of Washington Avenue and Green Street for a reported robbery that just occurred. The victim indicated that as he was walking to the bus stop he was approached from behind by an unknown male subject who assaulted him before taking his property.

The investigation has revealed that the victim was walking on the sidewalk of Washington Avenue as he was headed to the bus stop located at the intersection of Philadelphia Pike and Harvey Road when he was grabbed from behind by an unknown subject. The suspect, who was accompanied by two other unknown subjects, took the victim's property and began running toward Green Street.

The victim began running after the suspect and when he caught up to the subject, a confrontation ensued at which time the victim was able to retrieve his property prior to the suspects leaving in a vehicle. Officers checked the surrounding area, but could not locate any of the suspects, nor the vehicle. The suspect suffered a minor injury during the altercation.

The suspects were described as:

- a black male, 18 to 24 years of age, approximately 5'09, with facial hair and a thin build and wearing dark clothing.
- a white male, 18 to 24 years of age, between 6'01" and 6'03" tall, with an average build and wearing a gray sweatshirt and a baseball cap.
- an unknown subject wearing all dark clothing.

The vehicle was described as:

- a mid 1990 Chevy Malibu bearing a Pennsylvania registration, which headed toward Harvey Road and then onto Philadelphia Pike.

To offer information regarding this investigation, please contact the New Castle County Police Department at 395-8110 or visit our website at www.nccpd.com. Citizens may also provide a text tip at: 847411 (TIP411), begin your message with NCCPD and then type your message. Tipsters may also call Crime Stoppers at (800) TIP-3333.





