



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Newark Police Arrest Two Females for Armed Robbery

The Newark Police have arrested two females from Newark for an early morning robbery on Sunday January 8th, 2012 at the Howard Johnsons Hotel on South College Avenue.

On this date at approximately 4:45 am the night clerk was approached in the lobby by a female subject, later identified as Samantha Townsend, wearing a mask partially concealing her face. Townsend was armed with a knife and demanded the clerk unlock the cash drawer. A struggle ensued between the clerk and Townsend, during which, the clerk was cut several times. Townsend then removed an undisclosed amount of currency from the cash drawer and fled the office. The clerk recognized Townsend as a guest at the hotel and responding officers were able to locate her and Barbara Filer-Epps in a room at the hotel. Evidence was located linking the pair to the crime and both were taken into custody without incident.

The clerk, a 22 year old male from Newark, sustained a laceration to his hand and shoulder. He was transported to Christiana Hospital where he was treated for his injuries and released.

Defendant 1: Samantha Townsend DOB 11/12/92
849 Broadfield Drive
Newark, DE 19713

Committed to Baylor Women's Correctional on \$65,500 secured bail.

Defendant 2: Barbara Filer-Epps DOB 6/27/91
7 Blue Hen Ridge
Newark, DE 19711

Committed to Baylor Women's Correctional on \$65,500 secured bail.

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Charges (both Defendants):

Robbery 1st
Possession of Deadly Weapon During Commission of Felony
Assault 2nd
Wearing a Disguise During Commission of Felony
Conspiracy 2nd

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Nicholas Sansone at 302-366-7110 ext. 135 or nick.sansone@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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