

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT: Police Investigate Armed Robbery** 

The Newark Police Department is investigating an armed robbery which occurred at approximately 7:30pm on January 30th, at the Suburban Tobacco store located in Suburban Plaza. During the incident two masked men, one armed with a handgun, entered the store, and locked the door behind them. The two suspects then confronted the 50 year old female clerk and demanded that she open the register. The suspect then removed an undisclosed amount of currency from the cash register along with several cartons of cigarettes. The two suspects then fled the store and were last seen running between the opening to the rear of the shopping center adjacent to the Joy Garden Restaurant.

A K9 team from the University of Delaware Police Department conducted a track which led to a wooded area east of the Home Depot. The suspects, however, were not located. The clerk was uninjured during the incident.

Suspect 1 is described as a tall thin male, unknown race, wearing a full faced dark colored mask, dark colored hooded sweatshirt, light colored khaki cargo pants, dark colored shoes and dark colored gloves. He was armed with what appeared to be a semi automatic handgun.

Suspect 2 is described as a black male, with a mask concealing the lower portion of his face. He was wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, dark colored gloves and dark colored shoes.

No photos or video are available at this time.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Greg D'Elia at 302-366-7110 ext. 132 or <a href="mailto:greg.delia@cj.state.de.us">greg.delia@cj.state.de.us</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.tipsubmit.com">www.tipsubmit.com</a> 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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