



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Bear Woman Arrested for Robbery of Convenience Store

The Newark Police Department has arrested 38 year old, Stephanie Augustine of Bear, De for the strong arm robbery of the Sunoco Gas station located at 1106 South College Avenue.

On Sunday, February 19th at approximately 4:45pm Augustine entered into the Sunoco Gas Station, picked up a small item for purchase and then approached the register. When the 16 year old male clerk opened the register Augustine jumped the counter. The clerk closed the register and retreated from Augustine, however, she grabbed the clerk and forced him back to the register advising that she had a gun. The clerk opened the register and Augustine removed an undisclosed amount of currency and fled the store.

Although he did not know her name, the clerk recognized Augustine as a prior customer and former resident of a local hotel. Later that evening while Detectives were attempting to confirm her identity and locate her whereabouts, Augustine turned herself in to the Delaware State Police. She was arrested on the below charges and released on \$25,250 unsecured bail. The 16 year old clerk sustained several scratches during the incident but refused medical treatment.

Defendant: Stephanie Augustine WF 38 y.o. DOB 4/24/73
731 Pulaski Highway
Bear, DE 19701

Charges: Robbery 1st Degree
Assault 3rd Degree

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Michael Szep at 302-366-7110 ext. 136 or 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 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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