



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Newark Police Arrest Wilmington Man in Shooting Incident

The Newark Police have arrested 22 year old, Richard Cabreja of Wilmington, for a shooting which occurred shortly after midnight outside of the bar, Mojo's on Main, located at 270 East Main Street in Newark.

At 12:05am Newark Police Officers responded to Mojo's on Main for a report of a disturbance with shots fired. Upon arrival an officer contacted a 29 year old male victim from Wilmington who had sustained a gunshot wound to his buttocks.

Preliminary information is that Cabreja was involved in an altercation with unknown subjects at the establishment which spilled out onto East Main Street. During the altercation Cabreja displayed a handgun causing the shooting victim and other bystanders to run. Cabreja then fired one shot which struck the shooting victim in the buttocks as he fled. After firing the gun Cabreja continued to point the weapon at several bystanders. When the crowd realized he did not have any more bullets in the weapon they attempted to detain him. Cabreja fled on foot but was caught by the crowd and held until the arrival of officers.

A responding officer deployed his Taser device on Cabreja who resisted the officer's attempts to arrest him. After deploying the Taser the officer discovered that Cabreja was still holding the handgun in his hand. The officer was able to disarm Cabreja and take him into custody without further incident.

While attempting to detain Cabreja, two males, including a bouncer, were pistol whipped. The bouncer, a 24 year old from Bear, DE sustained a laceration above his eye but refused medical treatment. The second male, 26 year old from Newark was transported to Christiana Hospital for a laceration over his eye. He was treated and released.

The shooting victim is not known to the Defendant and is not believed to have been the intended target. He was transported to Christiana Hospital for a non life threatening gunshot wound to the buttocks. He was treated and released.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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Defendant: Richard A. Cabreja DOB 02/22/90
1509 Crittenden Rd.
Wilmington, DE 19805

Charges: 1 ct Assault 1st Degree
1 ct Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Felony
2 cts Assault 2nd Degree
3 cts Aggravated Menacing

Committed to Howard R. Young Correctional in lieu \$135,000 cash bail.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Michael Szep 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.

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