



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: University of Delaware Police Officer Arrested for Harassment

On May 2nd, 2012 the Newark Police Department arrested 31 year old Demetrius Sharp of Kennett Square, PA following an investigation which was initiated on February 21st, 2012. The investigation began when a 21 year old female University of Delaware student reported that she was being harassed by Sharp who is employed as a police officer with the University of Delaware Police Department.

The female student, who had ended a relationship with Sharp on February 18th, began receiving harassing text, email and voice messages from Sharp for a three day period beginning on February 19th. In addition, Sharp attempted to contact her in person while on duty as a uniformed police officer including parking outside her home and shining a spot light from his patrol vehicle into the victim's windows.

Sharp, who is on administrative leave with the University Police, turned himself in to Newark Police on May 2nd, 2012. He was charged with the below offenses and released on \$4,000 unsecured bond.

Questions regarding Sharp's status with the University of Delaware Police should be directed to the University of Delaware Office of Communications and Marketing at (302) 831-2791.

Defendant : Demetrius Sharp DOB 03/28/81
499 North Mill Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348

Charges: 3 counts Harassment 11/1311(a)(2)
1 count Official Misconduct 11/1211(1)

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Greg D'Elia at (302) 366-7110 x 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.

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

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