

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SUBJECT: Homeowner Apprehends Burglar** 

The Newark Police Department has arrested 24 year old Richard Flemming of York Haven, PA after he was apprehended by a 47 year old male homeowner during a residential burglary on May  $6^{th}$ , 2012.

At approximately 3:30am Newark PD officers responded to a home in the 100 block of Woodlawn Avenue in Newark where the victim was detaining Flemming in the roadway. During the incident the victim awoke to his dogs barking and, upon investigating, discovered Flemming inside his home. Flemming, who had forced his way in through a window, fled upon being discovered. The victim chased Flemming and took possession of his car keys until the police could arrive. Flemming was taken into custody upon police arrival. Flemming was unknown to the victim.

Flemming was arrested on the below charges and was released on \$5,600 unsecured bail and ordered to have no contact with the victim. Shortly after release, an unknown associate of Flemming made contact with the victim at his residence advising that Flemming wanted to apologize for the incident. After asking this subject to leave, Flemming was observed in the area picking the unknown subject up. This was a violation of Flemmings release from the earlier charges and therefore an additional warrant is on file for Flemming for Breach of Release.

Defendant: Richard W. Flemming DOB 12/25/1987

10 Cheyenne Court York Haven, PA 17370

**Charges:** Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup>

Attempted Theft Criminal Mischief

**Active warrant for Breach of Release** 

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Michael Watson at (302) 366-7110 x 133 or <a href="michael.watson@cj.state.de.us">michael.watson@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="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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