



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Cigarette City Robbed - Police Seek Public's Help Identifying Suspect

The Newark Police Department is investigating an armed robbery which occurred on July 10th, 2012 at approximately 5:30pm at the Cigarette City located in College Square Shopping Center. During this incident a white male suspect entered the store, displayed a black handgun and demanded cash from the 20 year old female store clerk. After receiving an undisclosed amount of currency the suspect fled the store in an unknown direction. The clerk was not injured.

The suspect is described as a white male approximately 5'8"-5'10" tall with a medium build and dirty blond or brown hair. The suspect was wearing a white short sleeved t-shirt with the word "tapout" on the front, dark colored shorts, a brown baseball hat, sunglasses, white ankle length socks and dark colored sneakers.

Investigators believe that prior to the robbery, the above described suspect had contact with an unknown white male who had been in the store prior to the robbery. This subject is described as a white male with a "chin strap" beard wearing a black baseball hat and dark colored short sleeve shirt.

Still photos of the suspect and the unknown white male are attached with this press release. Investigators are seeking the public's help to identify both the suspect who committed the robbery and the unknown male in the store prior to the robbery.

Surveillance video is not available at this time.

Anyone with additional information on 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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