



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Police Investigate Suburban Plaza Burglary Spree

The Newark Police Department is investigating the burglary of six businesses and the attempted burglary of three additional businesses, all of which occurred during the early morning hours of August 23rd in the Suburban Plaza Shopping Center in Newark.

At approximately 2:39am Newark Police Officers responded to a commercial burglary alarm at Fulton Paper. Upon arriving, officers discovered that an unknown suspect, who had already fled the area, had pried open the front door and once inside, pried open the cash register. Officers conducted a canvass of the area and discovered that five additional stores had also been burglarized in a similar manner and that the suspect had attempted to enter three other stores. The suspect was successful at taking an undisclosed amount of cash from several of the burglarized locations.

The six burglarized businesses include: Joy Garden, Bagelmania, Curves, Fulton Paper, Spa-Lon and Post Net. The suspect attempted to gain access at Wireless Zone, the Blue Crab Grill and EZ Loan.

The burglary suspect was captured on surveillance video at Bagelmania. In this video the suspect can be seen using several tools to pry open the cash register to gain access to the cash drawer. The suspect is described as a white male approximately 6' tall with grayish brown hair. The suspect is wearing a blue short sleeve shirt, blue jeans, white sneakers and surgical gloves.

Investigators believe the suspect captured on video surveillance is the same suspect responsible for a May 20th burglary of the Applebee's, also located in Suburban Plaza. During that burglary, the suspect entered the Applebee's at approximately 5:30am and once inside, removed a safe containing an undisclosed amount of US currency.

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

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Still photos of the suspect are attached with this press release. A copy of surveillance video from Baglemania can be retrieved using the City of Newark Video Drop Box by visiting the following website: <http://newark.de.us/VideoBox/> May 20th video footage from the Applebee's burglary can also be retrieved at this website.

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.

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