



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: NPD Investigate Two Unrelated Robberies

Newark Police are investigating two unrelated robberies which occurred during the late afternoon on September 25th.

The first robbery occurred at approximately 4:40pm on the sidewalk just west of the St. Johns Cemetery, located at the corner of Elkton Road and West Park Place. During this incident, the 20 year old male victim was walking on the sidewalk when he was approached by a white male suspect armed with a knife who demanded cash. After receiving an undisclosed amount of cash from the victim the suspect walked away and was last seen walking eastbound on West Park Place. The suspect in this incident is described as a white male, 30-35 years old, 5'9" tall, 240lbs with brown curly hair and beard. He was wearing a yellow t-shirt described as very dirty and a black baseball hat with no writing or symbols on it. The suspect spoke with slurred speech. The victim, who is a student at the University of Delaware English Language Institute, was not injured.

The second robbery occurred at approximately 6:00pm on the north sidewalk of Delaware Avenue in front of 240 East Delaware Avenue. During this incident the 28 year old male victim was walking on the sidewalk carrying an IPOD in his hand when a black male suspect riding a bicycle rode by and grabbed the electronic device from his hand. The suspect then fled on the bicycle and was last seen riding toward the "S" turn on Delaware Avenue. The suspect in this incident is described as a black male, 14-18 years old, 5'5" to 5-8" tall, with a thin build. He was wearing a horizontally striped black and white hooded sweatshirt with a yellow t-shirt underneath. He was riding a purple colored unknown type bicycle. The victim was not injured.

Anyone with additional information on these two incidents should contact Det. Greg D'Elia at 302-366-7110 ext. 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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