



# NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Subject: Elkton Man Identified and Arrested for September 28<sup>th</sup> Shooting**

Newark PD investigators have obtained arrest warrants for Edward W. Benson, 3<sup>rd</sup> of Elkton, Maryland for the September 28<sup>th</sup> shooting at a home in the 200 block of Witherspoon Lane.

NPD Investigators learned that the suspect fled the scene of the shooting in a white Infiniti and that Benson was known to operate a similar vehicle. Shortly after the shooting, a white Infiniti was reported to be on fire in the Oak Tree Apartments. It was determined that an unknown suspect had attempted, unsuccessfully, to ignite the vehicle by lighting a rag in the gas tank. NPD Investigators seized the vehicle and were able to link it to Benson. Investigators determined that Benson had a previous relationship with the victim and that the two have a child together. Following an exhaustive investigation, investigators obtained an arrest warrant for Benson.

NPD requested the assistance from the U.S Marshal Service Violent Fugitive Task Force as Benson was believed to be in the State of Maryland. Benson was located on October 9<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6:00 pm by members of the of the Task Force and Newark PD and was taken into custody by the US Marshals in the parking lot of Vlamis's Liquors on North Bridge Street in Elkton. Benson was turned over to the Maryland State Police who arrested him on an out of state fugitive warrant. Benson is currently incarcerated in the Cecil County Detention Center pending extradition back to Delaware where he will be arrested on the below charges.

The victim is in stable condition and is recovering from her injuries at an area hospital.

**Suspect:** Edward W. Benson III DOB 01/07/1981  
135 Greenwood Street  
Elkton, MD 21921

**Pending Charges:** 1 ct Attempted Murder 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
1 ct Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Felony  
1 ct Possession of a Firearm by Person Prohibited  
2 cts Endangering the Welfare of a Child

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## Original Release:

Newark Police are investigating a shooting which occurred on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at a home in the 200 block of Witherspoon Lane.

At approximately 9:30pm officers responded to the home for a report of a shooting. Officers located the victim in the living room with a single gunshot wound to the face. The victim was treated by New Castle County Paramedics and transported to an area hospital where she is listed in critical condition.

An argument between the victim and a male subject was heard just prior to the shooting and it is believed that the suspect is known to the victim.

The investigation is ongoing and no further information is available for release at this time.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Det. Greg D'Elia at 302-366-7110 ext. 132 or [greg.delia@cj.state.de.us](mailto: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](http://www.tipsubmit.com) where a reward may be available.

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