



# NEWS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT: NPD Arrest Newark Man for 2 Recent Armed Robberies and Home Invasion**

Newark Police have arrested 31 year old Louis W. Rittenhouse of Newark for his involvement in two recent armed convenience store robberies and a home invasion in the 100 block of Madison Drive.

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 a home invasion style armed robbery occurred at a home in the 100 block of Madison Drive. During that incident two suspects entered a home occupied by a 25 year old male victim and a 29 year old female victim. The pair demanded cash from the two victims and attempted to duct tape their hands together. The male victim fought with the suspects and they fled the residence. Detectives learned that Rittenhouse was an acquaintance of the occupants of the home and through an extensive investigation, linked him to the home invasion.

Detectives recognized similar physical characteristics between Rittenhouse and the suspect responsible for a September 10<sup>th</sup> and an October 14<sup>th</sup> robbery of the Exxon Convenience store located at 820 South College Avenue. Detectives also learned that Rittenhouse was arrested in 2007 for a robbery at the same convenience store. Through further investigation they linked him to both of these robberies.

On November 13<sup>th</sup> Newark Police executed a search warrant at Rittenhouse's home finding evidence linking him to the robberies. He was taken into custody without incident and charged with the below listed crimes. Rittenhouse was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional in lieu of \$362,000 bail.

**Defendant:** Louis W. Rittenhouse (DOB 12/30/1980)  
109 Madison Drive  
Newark, DE 19711

**Charges:** 2 cts Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
2 cts Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony  
2 cts Attempted Robbery  
1 ct Home Invasion with Intent to Commit a Violent Felony  
1 ct Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
1 ct Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony  
1 ct Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>

Copies of the three previous press releases are attached. Videos of the two Exxon Robberies can be retrieved using the City of Newark Video Drop Box by visiting the following website: <http://newark.de.us/VideoBox/>

Detectives are still attempting to identify Rittenhouse's accomplice in the November 6<sup>th</sup> Home Invasion. Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Det. James Skinner at 302-366-7110 ext. 135 or [james.skinner@cj.state.de.us](mailto:james.skinner@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.

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

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