



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Graffiti Vandal Arrested

Ongoing graffiti investigations by the Newark Police Department Street Crimes Unit have led to the identification and arrest of Russell Murin of Elkton, Maryland for his role in graffiti vandalism throughout the City. The investigation resulted in a November 10th search warrant of Murin's vehicle and with the assistance of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office, a search warrant of his home in Elkton on the same date.

As a result, Murin has been linked to graffiti vandalism in 11 locations throughout the City of Newark, resulting in over \$2800 in damaged property. Murin was arrested on November 27th, 2012 for the below offenses and released on \$6,400 secured bail.

Defendant 1: Russell Murin (DOB 03/29/93)
1003 Jackson Hall School Road
Elkton, MD 21921

Charges: 16 cts Graffiti
15 cts Possession of Graffiti Implements
1 ct Trespassing on Railroad Tracks
1 ct Underage Possession of Alcohol
1 ct Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon
1 ct Unlawfully Possession of a Switchblade

The arrest of Murin is the latest in the Newark Police Departments ongoing investigation into the identification and arrest of graffiti vandals. In the past two years NPD have arrested 31 such vandals.

The Newark Police Department are reminding business owners and home owners to promptly report graffiti vandalism to the police, and once it is documented, the graffiti should be removed.

Anyone with additional information on graffiti vandalism in the City of Newark should contact Cpl. Greg Micolucci at 302-366-7110 ext. 406, greg.micolucci@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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