



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: NPD Investigate Robbery

Newark Police are investigating a strong arm robbery which occurred at approximately 5:00am on Saturday, December 1st on the west sidewalk of North College Avenue just north of the CSX rail crossing.

During the incident a 28 year old female from Elkton, Maryland was walking on the sidewalk when she was approached by two unknown white male suspects. The suspects proceeded to punch the victim knocking her to the ground. The suspects continued to punch and kick her before fleeing with her purse. The suspects were last seen fleeing eastbound across North College Avenue towards the railroad tracks. NPD and UDPD officers responded to the scene along with a K9 team from NCCPD. The suspects, however, were not located.

During the attack the victim, who was a University of Delaware graduate student, was knocked briefly unconscious. The victim was transported to Christiana Hospital by ambulance where she was admitted for severe trauma to her face including a broken orbital lobe and nose.

Both suspects are described as white males 19 to 22 years of age. Suspect 1 is 5'8" to 5'10" tall, 160-180lbs, wearing a light gray hooded sweatshirt, dark colored jeans and light colored sneakers. Suspect 2 is 5'9" to 5'11" tall, 170-180lbs, wearing dark colored jeans and a maroon hooded sweatshirt with white writing on the front, covering an unknown ball cap. Still photos of the suspect are attached with this press release.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Det. James Skinner at 302-366-7110 ext. 135 or 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 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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