



# NEWS RELEASE

*Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police*

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SUBJECT: Middletown Man Arrested for Theft from Vehicles**

Newark Police have arrested 21 year old Robert O. Davis 3<sup>rd</sup> of Middletown for Burglary and related charges after he was observed by several homeowners attempting to enter vehicles on Kells Avenue on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

At approximately 7:40am NPD officers responded to the unit block of Kells Avenue after two separate homeowners observed Davis pulling on vehicle door handles attempting to gain entry. Davis, who was reported to be riding a bicycle, was found by officers walking on Kells Avenue after he had discarded the bicycle in the roadway. When contacted he was found in possession stolen items which were traced to a vehicle parked in a driveway on the street. The items included loose change, US currency and an FM transmitter. Officers determined that Davis had also attempted to gain entry into three additional vehicles on the block. Officers are attempting to locate the owner of the recovered bicycle described as a silver Magna mountain bike along with an iphone that did not belong to him.

The arrest of Davis follows a crime alert released by Newark Police on December 5<sup>th</sup> warning residents of an increase in theft from vehicles. The alert encourages residents to report all suspicious persons and to remove valuables from their vehicles.

**Defendant:** Robert O. Davis 3<sup>rd</sup> (DOB: 7/29/1991)  
620 Nesting Lane  
Middletown, DE 19709

**Charges:** 1 ct. Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup>  
3 cts. Attempted Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1ct. Theft under \$1500  
2 cts. Tampering with a Motor Vehicle  
1 ct. Criminal Trespass 3<sup>rd</sup>

Davis was arraigned at JP Court #11 and released on \$14,500 unsecured bond.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact PFC Michael Wolfrom at 302-366-7110 ext. 468 or [michael.wolfrom@cj.state.de.us](mailto:michael.wolfrom@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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