



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: NPD Arrest Wilmington Man for February 26th Robbery

Newark Police have arrested 18 year old Ernest Kellam of Wilmington for a February 26th strong arm robbery which occurred at approximately 1:25pm on Papermill Road in the vicinity of Creek View Road.

During the incident, a 23 year old female victim from Newark was walking on the sidewalk when she was approached by an unknown black male suspect. The suspect pushed the victim, demanded her property and grabbed her cell phone which was in her hand. The suspect then fled southbound on Papermill Road.

On February 28th, detectives located surveillance footage of the suspect boarding a DART bus at the bus hub on East Delaware Avenue shortly after the robbery. Detectives disseminated still photos of the suspect to NPD officers. Within three hours, officers from the NPD Street Crimes Unit and NPD Special Operations Unit, who were in the area to search for the suspect, located him walking on South Chapel Street near Delaware Avenue. The suspect was wearing the same clothing as the day of the robbery. The suspect, who was later identified as Kellam, was taken into custody without incident and positively linked to the robbery.

On March 1st, NPD detectives executed a search warrant at Kellam's residence in Wilmington where they located property linking him to the crime. Kellam was arrested on one count of Robbery 2nd and arraigned through JP Court #11. He was released after posting \$5,000 cash bail.

Defendant: Ernest Kellam (DOB 12/10/94)
1012 North Pine Street
Wilmington, DE 19802

Charges: 1 ct. Robbery 2nd

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Det. Greg Micolucci at 302-366-7110 ext. 132 or 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.tipssubmit.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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