



# NEWS RELEASE

*Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police*

March 15, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SUBJECT: UPDATE – Additional Suspect Arrested for February 15<sup>th</sup> Robbery**

On, Thursday March 14, 2013, Tyrone Nickens Jr. was arrested for his role in the February 15<sup>th</sup> Robbery which occurred on South Chapel Street at Scholar Drive. Nickens turned himself into NPD after learning that an arrest warrant had been issued.

During the incident on February 15, 2013, a 19 year old from Newark, was walking on South Chapel Street at Scholar Drive, when he was approached by three black male suspects who engaged him in conversation. While talking to the suspects, the victim was struck from behind and knocked to the ground. The suspects removed the victim's wallet from his pants pocket before fleeing. The victim's credit card was used later that night and the next morning at several locations. Detectives were able to positively identify Tyrone Nickens Jr., of Townsend, DE, for his involvement in this robbery. Detectives continue to investigate the identity of one additional suspect in this incident.

**Defendant:** Tyrone Jabazz Nickens Jr. DOB 8/3/1994 – 18 years old (photo attached)  
9 Kintyre Court  
Townsend, DE 19734

**Charges:** Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

Nickens was issued \$63,000 secured bond and turned over to the Howard Young Correctional Institution.

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Anyone with additional information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Fred Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext 136 or [Frederick.Nelson@cj.state.de.us](mailto:Frederick.Nelson@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.

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**SUBJECT: NPD Make Multiple Arrests in Two Separate, But Related, Robberies**

Newark Police have arrested four Maryland teens for their involvement in two separate, but related robberies which occurred on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

During the first incident on February 15<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 11:30pm, a 19 year old from Newark, was walking on South Chapel Street at Scholar Drive, when he was approached by three black male suspects who engaged him in conversation. While talking to the suspects, the victim was struck from behind and knocked to the ground. The suspects removed the victim's wallet from his pants pocket before fleeing. The victim did not report the incident to police until February 19<sup>th</sup> after reading local news reports of the February 18<sup>th</sup> robbery (described below). The victim's credit card was used later that night and the next morning at several locations in Elkton, Havre de Grace and Baltimore. Using video surveillance obtained from multiple locations, detectives positively identified Brandon Gatewood of Elkton for his involvement in this robbery. Detectives continue to investigate the identity of the other two suspects in this incident.

Further investigation into the February 15<sup>th</sup> robbery determined that Brandon Gatewood was also involved in a February 18<sup>th</sup> robbery which occurred at approximately 1:35am. During that incident, a 24 year old male victim was walking on East Delaware Avenue when he was approached from behind by three suspects, one of whom, later identified as Brandon Gatewood, placed what appeared to be a gun to his face. The victim was then knocked to the ground and was kicked and punched repeatedly in the head and face by two additional suspects, identified as Lawrence Ray and Anthony Gatewood, both of Elkton. The suspects fled with the victim's wallet and cell phone to a waiting vehicle which was determined to be operated by Yannick Gray of Perryville, Maryland.

**Defendant 1:** Brandon Gatewood (DOB 1/19/94) (Photo Attached)  
105 Rudy Park  
Elkton, MD 21921

**Pending Charges:** 1 ct. Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> (February 15<sup>th</sup> Robbery)  
1 ct. Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> (February 15<sup>th</sup> Robbery)  
1 ct. Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> (February 18<sup>th</sup> Robbery)  
1 ct Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> (February 18<sup>th</sup> Robbery)

Brandon Gatewood surrendered himself to Cecil County Sheriff's deputies on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and is currently incarcerated at the Cecil County Detention Center awaiting extradition to Delaware.

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**Defendant 2:** Lawrence Ray (DOB 12/4/94) (No Photo Available)  
319 Willow Drive  
Elkton, MD 21921

**Pending Charges:** 1 ct. Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> (February 18<sup>th</sup> Robbery)  
1 ct. Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> (February 18<sup>th</sup> Robbery)

Lawrence Ray was arrested at Elkton High School by Elkton Police Department on March 8<sup>th</sup>. He is currently incarcerated at the Cecil County Detention Center awaiting extradition to Delaware.

**Defendant 3:** Anthony Gatewood (DOB 7/29/96) (No Photo Available)  
105 Rudy Park  
Elkton, MD 21921

**Pending Charges:** 1 ct. Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> (February 18<sup>th</sup> Robbery)  
1 ct. Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> (February 18<sup>th</sup> Robbery)

Anthony Gatewood was arrested at North Caroline High School in Caroline County by the Caroline County Sheriff's Office on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Gatewood is currently in the custody of the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services awaiting extradition to Delaware.

**Defendant 4:** Yannick Gray (DOB 12/26/91) (Photo Attached)  
109 Cove Point Way  
Perryville, MD 21903

**Charges:** 1 ct. Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> (February 18<sup>th</sup> Robbery)  
1 ct. Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> (February 18<sup>th</sup> Robbery)

Yannick Gray turned herself in to Newark Police on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Gray was arrested on the above charges and released on \$2,500 secured bail.

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](mailto: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](http://www.tipssubmit.com) where a reward may be available.

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