



# NEWS RELEASE

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## NPD Investigate Offensive Touching Incident

On Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at approximately 9:06 p.m., the Newark Police Department responded to the 100 block of Haines Street in regards to an offensive touching incident.

The 19 year old victim, a female University of Delaware student, reported that she was walking northbound on Haines Street talking on her phone after finishing her work shift. She stated that when she crossed Continental Avenue, she could hear someone running behind her. She turned around and saw a male suspect approaching her in an aggressive manner. The suspect then tackled her and brought her to the ground. The suspect began punching her on the left side of her head multiple times, and the victim began yelling that she didn't have a wallet on her. The victim could not recall any statements the suspect may have made to her, and the suspect did not attempt to go through her pockets or take her phone. The suspect then got up and entered a vehicle on Continental Avenue which left towards South Chapel Street. The victim did not sustain any injuries, refused medical treatment, and stated she wasn't punched that hard.

The suspect is described as a black male, 20-30 years old, approximately 6'01" tall, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt (possibly with a white logo on it) with the hood over his head. The vehicle is described as smaller size four-door SUV that was possibly maroon in color. A license plate was not obtained.

The Newark Police Department reminds citizens to maintain awareness of their surroundings and to avoid walking alone at night whenever possible.

A still picture of what is believed to be the suspect vehicle (seen crossing over South Chapel Street into the University Courtyard parking lot complex) is at the bottom of this release, and a video is attached.

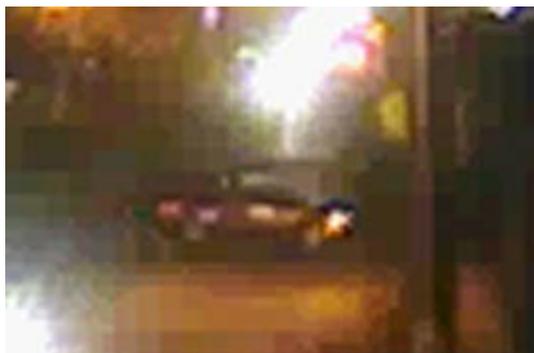
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Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Cpl. Nicholas Sansone at 302-366-7110 ext. 439 or [nick.sansone@cj.state.de.us](mailto:nick.sansone@cj.state.de.us). You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and 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.



Suspect vehicle

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