



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Homeless Suspect Wanted for Robbery

On Tuesday May 7, 2013 at approximately 3:00 a.m. the Newark Police responded to the 300 block of Delaware Circle for a report of a robbery which had just occurred. As officers arrived on scene, they located the 54 year old male victim bleeding from multiple lacerations to the head and face. The victim reported that he was staying in the rear yard of a residence when the suspect also tried to stay there, without permission of the homeowner. An argument between the victim and the suspect ensued. The suspect, identified as James J. Ernest, then began to strike the victim multiple times in the head with a blunt object. The victim fell to the ground while he was being struck. The suspect then demanded the victim's wallet. After refusing, the suspect checked the victim's pants and removed the wallet. The suspect, who is homeless, then fled the area. The victim was transported to Christiana Hospital by Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder, where he is being treated for his injuries.

An arrest warrant has been obtained charging James J. Ernest with Robbery 1st Degree, Assault 2nd Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony.

The Newark Police are seeking the public's assistance in locating James Ernest. Ernest is known to frequent the East Main Street area as well as the Ogletown Road/Harmony Road area. Ernest's photograph is attached. If his whereabouts are known, please call 911 to report it.

**Defendant: James J. Ernest, 54 years old (DOB 7/24/58) 6'01" 230 lbs, blue eyes, brown hair
Homeless**

Anyone with additional information about this incident is asked to contact Corporal Greg D'Elia at 302-366-7110 ext 412 or Greg.Delia@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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