



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: NPD Arrest Three for Mi Ranchito Robbery

Newark Police have arrested three subjects responsible for the June 9th armed robbery of the Mi Ranchito food market located at 13 North Chapel Street. During this robbery, two suspects entered the store and, after one suspect displayed a handgun, ordered two employees and a customer to the rear of the store. The suspects then tied the hands of two of the victims behind their back, and demanded money from the third victim. After the suspects received an undisclosed amount of money, they tied the hands of the third victim and then fled the store.

Using surveillance video from the network of video cameras throughout the business district, Detectives captured the two suspects walking on East Main Street immediately prior to the robbery. The same surveillance cameras captured the suspects fleeing the area in a silver Honda Accord immediately following the robbery. Detectives obtained registration information on the fleeing vehicle and located the vehicle at 623 West 3rd Street in Wilmington. Detectives also learned that this vehicle had previously been operated by Bryant A. Harris, of the same address. Using video surveillance Detectives then identified Harris as one of the subjects captured on surveillance video. On June 13th detectives, executed a search warrant at the home and took Harris into custody without incident.

Detectives developed additional information identifying Cesar Flores as the second subject involved in the robbery. NPD Surveillance units observed Flores leaving his residence at 813 West 4th Street in Wilmington. With assistance from Wilmington Police Department Flores was taken into custody following a traffic stop.

Detectives developed further information that a third subject, Jose Becerra, who is a relative of an employee of Mi Ranchito, had provided information to Flores and Harris, which facilitated them in the robbery. Becerra was arrested on June 14th at his residence by Wilmington Police Department.

Defendant 1: Cesar Flores (DOB 02/09/1971)
813 West 4th Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Charges: 1 ct. Robbery 1st
1 ct. Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Felony
1 ct. Possession of a Deadly Weapon by Person Prohibited

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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2 cts. Aggravated Menacing
1 ct. Wearing a Disguise During Commission of a Felony
1 ct. Conspiracy 2nd

Flores was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional in lieu of \$110,000 secured bail.

Defendant 2: Bryant A. Harris (DOB 12/14/1970)
623 West 3rd Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Charges: 1 ct. Robbery 1st
3 cts. Kidnapping 2nd
1 ct. Conspiracy 2nd

Harris was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional in lieu of \$82,000 secured bail.

Defendant 3: Jose Becerra (DOB 12/12/1975)
306 N. Lincoln Street
Wilmington, DE 19805

Charges: 1 ct. Robbery 1st
1 ct. Conspiracy 2nd

Becerra is in custody at Newark Police Headquarters awaiting arraignment.

Chief Paul M. Tiernan commented: "I'm amazed that criminals commit crime in Newark. Between the expansive network of video surveillance technology and the aggressive investigative work of the Newark Police Officers, criminals should just turn themselves in after they commit a crime as they will be caught."

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Det. Fred Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext. 13136 or 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 where a reward may be available.

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