



# NEWS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT: Arrest Made in June 17<sup>th</sup> Shooting Incident**

Newark Police have arrested 20 year old Michael Cummings of Newark for the June 17<sup>th</sup> shooting incident at a motel located at 1120 South College Avenue.

The incident was first reported to Newark Police at 1:09pm on June 17<sup>th</sup> when an adult female and an adult male walked into the lobby of the motel and reported that they had been shot by a male acquaintance in the rear parking lot of the complex. Tactical officers from the NPD SWAT team with assistance from UDPD SWAT team searched the complex for the shooter, however it was determined that he had fled the area.

The 22 year old female victim sustained a graze wound to the back and the 38 year old male victim sustained a gunshot wound to the shoulder. Both were transported to Christiana Hospital by Aetna Ambulance. Both were treated and released the same day for non life threatening injuries.

Through their investigation Newark Police Detectives identified Michael Cummings as the shooter and learned that following an argument, he approached both victims in the parking lot, displayed a handgun, and began firing in their direction striking both.

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, members of the US Marshal Service First State Fugitive Task Force and the Newark Police Department Street Crimes Unit located Cummings inside a motel room located at 630 South College Avenue in Newark. He was taken into custody without incident.

**Defendant:** Michael Cummings (DOB 08/22/92)  
511 Oakdale Road  
Newark, DE 19713

**Charges:** 1ct Assault 1<sup>st</sup>  
1ct Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1ct Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony

Cummings is currently in custody at NPD HQ pending arraignment.

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.tipsubmit.com](http://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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