



# NEWS RELEASE

*Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SUBJECT: One Arrested, One Sought for Theft of 18 Air Conditioning Units**

Newark Police have arrested a 19 year old Newark man and are searching for a second male following a theft of 18 air conditioning units from a business in the 700 block of Interchange Boulevard in Newark on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

On this date at approximately 11:00pm, NPD officers responded to the business for a report of a theft in progress. Upon arrival officers discovered that unknown subjects had cut a fence, gaining access to a storage yard, and once inside, stole 18 scrap air conditioning units. Officers quickly developed information which led them to a home located at 20 Merion Road in Chestnut Hill Estates. Officers responded to that location and located 19 year old Adam Roper in possession of the units. Roper was taken into custody without incident and charged with the below offenses.

A second male, 37 year old Ernest Lapointe, fled the scene upon police arrival. Police have obtained arrest warrants for Lapointe and are actively searching for him. Lapointe has no local address but is known to frequent area hotels.

**Defendant:** Adam Roper (DOB: 05/11/94)  
20 Merion Road  
Newark, DE 19713

**Charges:** 1 ct. Possession of Burglary Tools  
1 ct. Theft Over \$1500  
1 ct. Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1 ct. Criminal Mischief Under \$1000  
1 ct. Criminal Trespass 2<sup>nd</sup>

Roper was arraigned through JP Court #2 and released on \$7,000 unsecured bail.

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**Suspect:** Ernest Lapointe (DOB 07/01/76)

**Pending Charges:**

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- 1 ct. Theft Over \$1500
- 1 ct. Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 1 ct. Criminal Mischief Under \$1000
- 1 ct. Criminal Trespass 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 1 ct. Receiving Stolen Property Under \$1500

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Det. Michael Watson at 302-366-7110 ext. 133 or [michael.watson@cj.state.de.us](mailto:michael.watson@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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