



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Newark Police Officer Disarms Man with Knives

On September 25th, 2013 at approximately 6:30pm, NPD officers responded to check on the welfare of a suicidal subject reported to be “heavily armed” in the vicinity of Elm Avenue near Stafford Avenue. When the first officer arrived on scene, he contacted a 17 year old male (name withheld) standing on the sidewalk in the 100 block of Elm Avenue. As the officer approached he observed what he believed to be the handle of a knife protruding from subject’s right front pocket. The officer retrieved the knife, which had a 5” fixed blade, without incident and attempted to detain the subject for further investigation. The subject then pulled away from the officer and retrieved a second 5” fixed blade knife from his left front pocket and raised it toward the officer. The officer quickly grabbed the subject’s arm and successfully removed the knife from his hand. The subject continued to resist the officer and the two fell through a fence during the struggle. A second NPD officer arrived on scene and found the first officer struggling with the subject on the ground. With the second officer’s assistance, the subject was taken into custody without further incident.

The subject was not injured during the altercation but was transported to Christiana Hospital for psychiatric evaluation. One officer sustained a minor abrasion to his elbow.

Upon his release the subject will be charged with Aggravated Menacing, Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Resisting Arrest, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon and Criminal Mischief under \$1,000.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Cpl. Jim Marconi at 302-366-7110 ext. 424 or james.marconi@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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