



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Bear Man Arrested Following Bar Fight, Bar Owner and Associate Arrested for Hindering Investigation

Newark Police have arrested 25 year old Ernest Mingo, of Bear, DE, for his involvement in an early morning bar fight at Wize Guys Sports Lounge on October 27th, 2013. NPD also arrested the bar owner, 30 year old Mariano Castelli, and an associate, 26 year old Christopher O'Neill, for hindering the subsequent police investigation.

On October 27th, 2013 at approximately 1:09am, NPD officers responded to a report of a large bar fight at Wize Guys Sports Lounge located at 1108 South College Avenue. Upon their arrival, patrol officers discovered that all combatants from the fight had fled, however a 31 year old male victim was lying unconscious in the bar. The victim was transported to Christiana Hospital via ambulance where he was treated and admitted into the hospital for a fractured skull, and internal bleeding on the brain. He has since been released from the hospital.

During the investigation, detectives learned that a large fight broke out in the bar and that a 31 year old victim was either knocked down or fell to the ground. Once on the ground, detectives learned that 25 year old Ernest Mingo kicked the victim in the head.

As officers attempted to investigate the incident, they first made contact with 26 year old Christopher O'Neill, an associate of the owner. O'Neill initially lied about his identity and provided a false statement regarding the incident to police officers. The owner, Mariano Castelli, was contacted on October 31st by Detectives. Castelli refused to cooperate with the investigation and refused to provide video surveillance of the incident. Detectives returned to the Wize Guys establishment on November 1st with a search warrant and removed the video surveillance system.

Mingo was arrested on November 4th for his involvement in the assault. Castelli and O'Neill were both arrested on November 1st for their attempts to conceal the incident.

Defendant 1: Ernest Mingo (DOB: 05/18/1988)
117 Grand Canyon Court
Newark, DE 19702

Charges: 1ct. Assault 2nd

Mingo was released after posting \$2500 secured bail.

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

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Defendant 2: Mariano Castelli (DOB 05/12/1983)
101 Airmont Drive
Middletown, DE 19709

Charges: 1 ct. Hindering Prosecution

Castelli was released on \$1000 unsecured bail.

Defendant 3: Christopher O'Neill (DOB 10/16/1987)
1 Gelley Court
Newark, DE 19702

Charges: 1 ct. Hindering Prosecution
1 ct. Providing a False Statement to Law Enforcement
1 ct. Criminal Impersonation

O'Neill was released on \$5000 unsecured bail.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Michael Watson at 302-366-7110 ext. 133 or 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 where a reward may be available.

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