



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Newark Man Sought for Burglary of Newark Senior Center

Newark Police are currently searching for 49 year old, Pierre Francis, of Newark, after he committed an attempted theft and a burglary at the Newark Senior Center.

On November 7th, at approximately 9:15am, a witness observed a subject, later identified as Pierre Francis, attempting to remove a television from a wall inside the Newark Senior Center located at 200 White Chapel Drive. The witness confronted Francis who fled the area.

On November 8th, at approximately 12:58am, Newark PD officers responded to a burglary alarm at the Senior Center. Officers discovered that forced entry had been made to a first floor window; however, no suspects were located at that time. It was determined that a television had been stolen from the building. Later that morning, at approximately 10:00am, employees observed a suspicious male subject, later identified as Francis, removing a television from behind a garbage dumpster at the facility. When confronted by the employees Francis fled in a vehicle.

The employees attempted to follow Francis and located him several blocks away exiting his vehicle on Ayelsboro Road. The employees also located a police officer who was investigating an unrelated incident on Ayelsboro Road. The employees approached the officer and alerted him to the incident, pointing out Francis who was now standing outside of his vehicle. The officer approached Francis on foot and ordered him to stop; however, Francis jumped back in his car and fled, driving his vehicle over a curb and across several lawns to get away. Witnesses observed Francis abandon his vehicle several blocks away and run into his home at 10 Farnsworth Road. Officers responded to that location, however, it was discovered that he had fled from the home prior to police arrival. Detectives conducted a search warrant at the home, locating evidence further linking him to the burglary.

Francis' location is unknown at this time. He is described as a black male, 5' 7" tall, 165 pounds, with a distinctive birthmark on his right cheek. A photo of Francis is attached to this release. Detectives have obtained warrants for the below charges:

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

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Suspect: Pierre Francis (DOB: 09/24/64)
10 Farnsworth Road
Newark, DE 19713

Pending Charges: 2 cts. Burglary 3rd
1 ct. Attempted Theft under \$1500
1 ct. Theft under \$1500
1 ct. Criminal Mischief
1 ct. Disregarding a Police Officer Signal
1 ct. Resisting Arrest

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Pierre Francis should contact Det. Fred Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext. 136 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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