



# NEWS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SUBJECT: NPD Investigate Armed Robbery of Verizon Store**

The Newark Police Department is investigating a robbery which occurred on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at approximately 9:50am at the Verizon Wireless Store located in Suburban Plaza Shopping Center in Newark.

During this incident two black male suspects wearing hooded sweatshirts with their faces concealed, entered into the Verizon Wireless Store. One of the suspects, who was armed with a handgun, approached a 60 year old male clerk who was seated on a stool and knocked him to the ground. The 60 year old victim was then forced into a closet in the back of the store. The second suspect approached a 55 year old male clerk and forced him to a back store room where he demanded the clerk turn over cellular phones. After relinquishing an unspecified number of phones, the second clerk was then forced into the same closet with the other victim. The suspects then fled out the front of the store in an unknown direction.

Newark Police officers, including an NPD K9 team responded to the scene where a K9 track was conducted, however, the suspects were not located. Neither victim was injured during the robbery.

The suspects are described only as two young black males, both wearing unknown color hooded sweatshirts with the hoods pulled up and their faces concealed. No photos or video are available.

Anyone with additional information about 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.

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

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