



# NEWS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT: NPD Seek Public's Assistance Identifying Unlawful Credit Card Fraud Suspect**

The Newark Police Department is attempting to identify and locate a suspect involved in multiple incidents of unlawful use of a credit card which occurred between September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 and December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the Newark Police Department received information from the Stevensville, Montana Police Department that one of their resident's debit card numbers was being used in Newark. It was learned that the victim's debit card number had most likely been obtained from a security breach at a grocery store in Montana, along with thousands of other customers. One of the unauthorized purchases was determined to have occurred on 11/22/13 at Acme Market, located at 100 Suburban Drive, Newark, DE 19711. Video surveillance from this transaction was obtained showing the suspect purchasing a carton of cigarettes. Investigators researched similar purchases at Acme and located 19 additional transactions involving what is believed to be the same suspect. These transactions occurred between 09/23/13 and 12/13/13 and all of them, except for one, involve different debit/credit numbers, which are believed to have been stolen from additional victims.

The suspect is described as a black male, average build, 5'8" tall, in his 30's. He was observed driving a black Mercedes passenger car during one of these incidents. Surveillance photos as well as a video clip of the suspect are attached to this press release.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Det. Fred Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext. 136 or [frederick.nelson@cj.state.de.us](mailto: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](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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