



# NEWS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT: Newark High Student Arrested for Possession of Stolen Firearm/Drugs**

Newark Police have arrested 18 year old, Zakeer Washington, of Wilmington, for weapon and drug related charges after he was found in possession of a stolen firearm and a quantity of Marijuana while on school property.

On today's date, at approximately 12:15pm, school administrators were alerted by a school staff member that Washington, a student at the school, may be in possession of Marijuana. A school administrator contacted Washington and found him in possession of a large quantity of marijuana in his backpack. The school administration immediately reported the incident to NPD's School Resource Officer (SRO), who was present in the school. The SRO responded and conducted a search of Washington and his backpack, finding a loaded 45 cal. handgun in the bag. Washington was taken into custody without incident by the SRO.

Further investigation revealed that the handgun was reported stolen in Somerset County, PA in August of 2013. A total of 46 grams of marijuana, packaged in 45 small plastic vials and 7 small bags, along with a large quantity of cash, were seized from Washington.

Washington was arraigned at JP Court # 2 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional in lieu of \$39,200 cash bail.

**Defendant:** Zakeer Washington (DOB 02/14/1995)  
1304 Read Street  
Wilmington, DE 19805

**Charges:** 1 ct. Manufacture, Deliver or PWID Controlled Substance w/ an Aggravating Factor  
1 ct. Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon  
1 ct. Possession of a Deadly Weapon by Person Prohibited  
1 ct. Receiving a Stolen Firearm  
1 ct. Possession of a Firearm in a Safe School Zone  
1 ct. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Corporal Adam Mease at 302-366-7110 ext. 404 or [adam.mease@cj.state.de.us](mailto:adam.mease@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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