



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Wilmington Man Arrested for Assaulting 3 Strangers and a Newark Officer

On April 1st, 2014, a Wilmington man was arrested for assaulting 3 strangers and a Newark Police Officer in the parking lot of Wawa (601 Ogletown Rd, Newark, DE 19711). The first victim and her co-worker (the second victim) arrived at the Wawa at approximately 5:15pm, and observed the defendant, George Johnson, arguing incoherently with the passenger of a vehicle in the parking lot. When they exited the store, Johnson approached them. He called the first victim an expletive and then punched her in the face knocking her to the ground. A tussle ensued with Johnson and the second victim. A Newark Police Officer, who was on patrol and not dispatched to the scene, observed the second victim struggling with Johnson. The officer exited his vehicle and began using his radio to notify the dispatch center of the situation. While doing so, George Johnson ran over and punched the officer in the head knocking him over. A good Samaritan came to the officer's assistance and Johnson punched the Samaritan (the fourth victim) in the face. The officer ran after Johnson with the assistance of multiple people on scene. The officer ordered him to the ground while displaying his taser. Johnson eventually complied and was handcuffed without further incident.

George Johnson was transported to Christiana Emergency Room for a medical evaluation, and then transported to NPD to face charges. Johnson was arraigned in front of Justice of the Peace Court #2, received \$15,000 secured bond on the charges listed below and was transported to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of bail.

Defendant: George Johnson (DOB 01/17/1987)
624 W 5th Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Charges: Assault 2nd
Assault 3rd
Offensive Touching (2 counts)
Harassment
Criminal Mischief

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

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Possession of Marijuana
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Disorderly Conduct

- Victim 1:** 29 year old female - sustained a contusion on her left cheek.
- Victim 2:** 37 year old male - sustained a swollen lip and a missing tooth.
- Victim 3:** Newark Police Sergeant, 49 year old male, 26 year veteran of the Newark Police Department – sustained cuts on right knee and a sore jaw
- Victim 4:** 43 year old male - suffered a swollen lip.



George Johnson

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Cpl. Robert Vernon at 302-366-7110 ext. 452 or robert.vernon@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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