



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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Update: Newark Police Arrest Newark Man for State Line Cigarette Robbery

Newark Police have arrested Russell Messick for the March 23rd robbery of the State Line Cigarette Outlet. Detectives investigated various tips generated by the original press release (attached below) leading to the identification of Messick as a suspect. Earlier this morning, a search warrant was conducted at Messick's residence and evidence was seized linking him to the robbery. Messick, who wasn't home during the search warrant, turned himself into NPD headquarters shortly after.

Defendant: Russell "Rocky" Messick (DOB 10/31/1985)
163 West Chestnut Hill Road
Newark, DE 19711

Messick received \$58,000 secured bail for the following charges:

- Robbery 1st degree
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon
- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony



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PRESS RELEASE, Continued

March 25, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Newark Police Investigating Armed Robbery at State Line Cigarette Outlet

On March 23rd, 2014 at approximately 6:30p.m., a white male entered the State Line Cigarette Outlet (1142 Elkton Road) wearing a full face mask. The suspect approached the clerk and lifted his shirt which revealed the handle of a black handgun and a knife clipped to the suspect's pocket. The suspect asked the clerk to open the register and the clerk complied. The suspect then took an undisclosed amount of money from the register, exited the business and fled towards Maryland in a silver or grey sedan.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 5'07" to 5'09", 200 to 225 lbs, wearing a long sleeved maroon shirt, khaki colored pants and white sneakers. He was also wearing a black mask and black gloves with colored lettering on the backs of the hands.

Pictures are attached.



Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Det. Greg D'Elia at 302-366-7110 ext. 132 or greg.delia@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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