



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Newark Police Seek Public's Assistance Identifying Theft Suspect

Newark Police are seeking assistance identifying a theft suspect that stole the wallet of an 82 year-old female at Panera Bread (140 East Main Street).

On May 10, 2014 at approximately 12:10pm, the victim was at Panera Bread eating with her family. Her purse was hung behind her on the chair. A black male suspect sat behind her, did not order anything, and kept moving his jacket from chair to chair. After finishing her meal, the victim checked her purse and discovered the wallet from her purse was missing. She then contacted NPD and her credit card company. Her credit card company advised that her credit card was just used at the Wawa (601 Ogletown Road).

Investigators viewed Wawa surveillance footage which shows the suspect making a purchase, and also leaving in a black vehicle, with possible New York license plates.

Suspect #1 is described a black male wearing a white t-shirt, a dark colored jacket, and a baseball cap, approximately 6 feet to 6 feet 4 inches tall.

Three pictures are attached (video is not available).



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Newark Police would like to remind residents to always keep valuables in view, regardless of your proximity to them.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Ofc. Daniel Burgess at 302-366-7110 ext. 473 or Daniel.burgess@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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