



# NEWS RELEASE

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**September 24, 2014**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SUBJECT: NPD Arrests Four in Armed Robbery on Orchard Road**

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 8:45pm, NPD responded to Orchard Road in regards to an armed robbery that just occurred. The victim, who was contacted at his residence off of Elkton Road, advised that he was walking southbound on Orchard Road and observed four black male suspects standing on the corner of Orchard Road and Kent Way. The suspects followed the victim, grabbed him from behind, displayed a black handgun and demanded his cell phone. The victim did not comply at which point the suspects told the victim to walk away.

A description of the suspects was broadcast and Newark Police and University of Delaware Police converged on the scene. University of Delaware Police stopped three subjects at the corner of South College Ave and Winslow Road that fit the description. An NPD officer observed a black male wearing a grey sweatshirt (also fitting the description of the suspects) driving a silver vehicle in the 200 block of Orchard Road and conducted a vehicle stop. That same vehicle had been identified by investigators as a possible suspect vehicle in the recent robberies based on NPD's license plate reader and witness testimony. The driver was taken into custody without incident, and all four suspects were brought back to NPD.

Four defendants face the following charges:

Attempted Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> degree  
Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> degree

The victim is a 24 year-old University of Delaware student. The defendants' involvement in previous robberies is ongoing and further charges will be forthcoming. In order to not interfere with the investigation, the names and ages of the defendants will not be released at this time. A subsequent news release will include all relevant information including bail information.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Detective Morgan Fountain at 302-366-7110 ext. 133 or [morgan.fountain@cj.state.de.us](mailto:morgan.fountain@cj.state.de.us). You can send an

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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.

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