



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

September 26, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: NPD Announces Multiple Arrests in Armed Robberies

These individuals were arrested on September 23rd during the armed robbery on Orchard Road. Based on the investigation, they have been linked to multiple armed robberies.

Defendant 1: Shamayah Thomas was arrested during the September 23rd Orchard Road robbery and linked to the September 22nd Apple Road robbery, the September 21st Tyre Avenue robbery, and the September 20th South College Avenue robbery. He faced the following charges:

**Attempted Robbery 1st degree
Robbery 1st degree (4 counts)
Conspiracy 2nd Degree (2 counts)**

Shamayah received \$258,000 cash bail and was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of bail.

Defendant 2: Vaquan Williams was arrested during the September 23rd Orchard Road robbery and linked to the September 21st Tyre Avenue robbery. He faced the following charges:

**Attempted Robbery 1st degree
Robbery 1st degree
Conspiracy 2nd degree, 2 counts**

Vaquan received \$104,000 cash bail and was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of bail.

Defendant 3: Jamel Valentine was arrested during the September 23rd Orchard Road robbery and faced the following charges:

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

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Attempted Robbery 1st degree
Conspiracy 2nd degree

Jamel Valentine received \$32,500 secured bail and was committed to Ferris School for Boys.

Attempted Robbery 1st degree
Conspiracy 2nd degree

Defendant 4: Jamai Johnson was arrested during the September 23rd Orchard Road robbery and faced the following charges:

Attempted Robbery 1st degree
Conspiracy 2nd degree

Jamai Johnson received \$32,500 secured bail and was committed to Ferris School for Boys.

Defendant 1: Shamayah Thomas (DOB 10/16/1994)
912 Peachtree Road
Claymont, DE 19702



Shamayah Thomas

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Defendant 2: Vaquan Williams (DOB 4/15/1990)
7 Cartier Court
Wilmington, DE 19809



Vaquan Williams

Defendant 3: Jamel Valentine (DOB 8/24/1998)
7 Carnaby Hall
Newark, DE 19711



Jamel Valentine

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**Defendant 4: Jamai Johnson (DOB 2/1/1997)
2722 Jacqueline Drive, Apt M24
Wilmington, DE 19810**



Jamai Johnson

This investigation is still on-going and further charges could be forthcoming.

Original press release follows.

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SUBJECT: NPD Arrests Four in Armed Robbery on Orchard Road

On September 23rd 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 1st degree
Conspiracy 2nd 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

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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. 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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