



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

January 15, 2015
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Two ARRESTED for January 9, 2015 Robbery at the American Spirit Federal Credit Union.

NPD is investigating a robbery that occurred on January 9, 2015 at the American Spirit Federal Credit Union. At approximately 1:00pm the defendant, William Baker, entered the lobby of the credit union with his face covered by a bandana or mask. BAKER approached the teller and presented a note demanding money. An undisclosed amount of money was handed over to BAKER who fled on foot west bound on Elkton Road. After a short distance a dye pack that had been slipped into the money by the teller exploded staining the money. BAKER then entered a waiting vehicle that was driven by defendant, James Collins, and fled west bound into Maryland.

On January 12, 2015 Newark Police detectives were contacted by the Delaware State Police Division of Gaming Enforcement at Delaware Park. They had observed dye covered money circulating in the casino and traced it back to the defendants.

On January 14, 2015 the Newark Police Conducted a search warrant at the home of COLLINS located in the 200 block of Joycelyn St., Newark, DE. Both COLLINS and BAKER were found at the residence and taken into custody. Evidence was located at the residence linking both defendants to the crimes.

Both defendants were charged with the same offenses.

By Newark Police:

Robbery in the 1st degree

Wearing a disguise during the commission of a felony

Conspiracy 2nd degree

By Delaware State Police

Person knowingly acquires, maintains an interest in, conceals, possesses, transfers the proceeds of criminal activity.

Conspiracy 2nd degree

Theft Under \$1,500

Receiving Stolen Property Under \$1,500



Defendant:
William B Baker
DOB 12/26/1984
30 year old
241 Ingram Street
Newark, DE 19702



Defendant:
James Collins
DOB 04/22/1971
43 year old
252 Joycelyn Street
Newark, DE 19702

Both defendants were committed to the Howard R Young Correctional Instituted in lieu of \$35,000 secured bond each.

Pictures of each defendant is attached.

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.

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

Media Contact: Lt Bill Hargrove, Public Information Officer, 302-366-7110 ext. 125 or William.Hargrove@cj.state.de.us.

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SUBJECT: NPD Investigating a Robbery at the American Spirit Federal Credit Union.

NPD is investigating a robbery that occurred on today's date at the American Spirit Federal Credit Union. At approximately 1:00pm the suspect entered the lobby of the credit union with his face covered by a bandana or mask. The suspect approached the teller and presented a note demanding money. An undisclosed amount of money was handed over to the suspect who fled on foot west bound on Elkton Road. After a short distance the suspect entered a waiting vehicle and continued into Maryland. The vehicle was last seen turning right onto Fletchwood Road.

The suspect is described as a white male, thin build, 5' 04" to 5' 05" tall. He was wearing a gray hooded sweat shirt, light colored pants, black gloves, and a white mask or bandana partially covering his face.

The suspect vehicle is described as light colored sedan possibly a Mitsubishi Gallant or similar model.

A still picture of the suspect is attached. No surveillance footage is available at this time.

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