



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: NPD Arrests Maryland Man for 3rd DUI After Hit and Run Collision

On January 27th at approximately 7:20pm, an NPD officer observed a black pickup truck traveling northbound on S. Main St at W. Park Pl. The vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed with no headlights and sparks flying from the front right tire. The officer activated his emergency lights and stopped the vehicle on S. Main St at Beverly Rd. The driver, who was identified as Eric M. Zimmer, was contacted and showed obvious signs of alcohol impairment.

Zimmer was taken out of the vehicle and began refusing to comply with the officer's orders. Zimmer was subsequently placed under arrest after a brief struggle. Zimmer was then taken to Christiana Hospital for facial injuries that resulted from him resisting arrest.

It was then discovered that Zimmer had also been involved in three additional hit and run accidents in Maryland and one in Newark just prior to being stopped by NPD. The Newark accident occurred at Elkton Rd and Interchange Blvd and the vehicle that was struck had to be towed from the scene. There were no injuries in this accident.

Zimmer was treated and released into the custody of NPD on the morning of 1/28/15. A check of Zimmer's driver's history revealed that he had pled guilty to DUI on 07/23/09 and 02/08/12 in Maryland, making this his 3rd DUI arrest - a felony. Zimmer was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 11 and given \$3,950 secured bond and \$2,300 unsecured bond. He was subsequently committed to HRYCI in lieu of bond.

**Defendant: Eric Zimmer (DOB 2/15/1984)
525 Booth Street
Elkton, MD 21921**

**Charges: 3rd Offense DUI (Felony)
Resisting Arrest
13 traffic offenses**

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

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Eric Zimmer

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Officer Marty Larue at 302-366-7110 ext. 447 or marty.larue@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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