



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: NPD Arrests Three in Strong-Arm Robbery

On February 16th, 2015 at approximately 8:24pm, NPD Officers responded to RadioShack (211 College Square, Newark, DE 19711) for a strong-arm robbery that just occurred. Employees stated that two black males entered the business and were acting suspiciously when they asked to see an iPad Air 2. The clerk showed them an iPad Air which a suspect then ripped out of the clerk's hands before both suspects ran out of the store. The suspects jumped into a silver Honda minivan where a driver was waiting for them. Based on NPD's investigation, three suspects (Jamel Valentine, Shamayah Thomas and Vaquan Williams) were developed.

NPD conducted a search warrant at the suspects' mutual residence on February 27th, 2015. Multiple items linking the suspects to the crime were recovered. The suspects were taken into custody without incident and transported to NPD for arraignment.

Shamayah Thomas was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$18,000 cash bail, Vaquan Williams was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$13,000 cash, and Jamel Valentine was committed to New Castle County Detention Center in lieu of \$15,500 secured bail.

Defendant 1: Jamel Valentine (DOB 8/28/1998)
7 Carnaby Hall
Newark, DE 19711

Defendant 2: Shamayah Thomas (DOB 10/16/1994)
7 Carnaby Hall
Newark, DE 19711

Defendant 3: Vaquan Williams (DOB 4/15/1990)
7 Carnaby Hall
Newark, DE, 19711

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Jamel Valentine



Shamayah Thomas

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Vaquan Williams

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Detective Daniel Bystricky at 302-366-7110 ext. 3146 or daniel.bystricky@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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