## **NEWS RELEASE**

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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**SUBJECT: Newark Police Investigating Knifepoint Robbery** 

On Sunday March 22, 2015 at approximately 8:15 p.m. the Newark Police responded to the first block of O'Daniel Avenue for a report of a knifepoint robbery.

Responding officers learned that the victim, a 61 year old female, was walking to her vehicle which was parked behind an apartment building located in Victoria Mews. As the victim attempted to open the door to her vehicle, two suspects pinned her against the vehicle while one placed a knife against her neck. The two suspects demanded money and removed the victim's wallet from her purse. Both suspect then fled on foot towards Elkton Road. The victim sustained a minor scratch and redness to the face, no medical attention was needed.

The suspect with the knife was described as a black male, 5'11" to 6'00" tall, heavy build, wearing dark clothing and a hooded shirt covering his head.

The second suspect was described as a white male, 5'11" to 6'00" tall, thin build, wearing dark clothing and a hooded shirt covering his head.

The Newark Police Criminal Investigation Division was called to the scene and is continuing their investigation into the incident.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Daniel Bystricky at 302-366-7100 ext. 3136 or <a href="mailto:Daniel.Bystricky@cj.state.de.us">Daniel.Bystricky@cj.state.de.us</a>. 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, where a reward may be available.

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

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