

PRESS RELEASE

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Newark Police Arrest 4 Juveniles in Robbery

Newark Police arrested 4 juveniles in an armed robbery that occurred on September 18th at approximately 11:30pm. The victim was walking home from work on the west side of Marrows Road in the opposite direction of the suspects. After the suspects walked passed the victim, they got the victim to turn around and then hit him in the head with a handgun causing him to fall to the ground. The suspects kicked the victim and demanded his wallet. The victim relinquished his wallet and then jumped over the guardrail. The suspects then fled with the victim's wallet and bicycle. Minutes later, University of Delaware Police took the four suspects into custody at the Dart bus stop on Library Avenue. The defendants below were charged with the following charges:

Defendant 1: Zaire Palmer, age 15
Newark, DE 19713

Charges: Robbery 1st Degree
Conspiracy 2nd Degree
Assault 3rd Degree

Defendant 2: Taheem Nicholas, age 15
Newark, DE 19713

Charges: Robbery 1st Degree
Conspiracy 2nd Degree

Defendant 3: Byron Stafford, age 14
Newark, DE 19713

Charges: Robbery 1st Degree
Conspiracy 2nd Degree

Defendant 4: Amir Fennell
Wilmington, DE 19801

Charges: Robbery 1st Degree
Conspiracy 2nd Degree

Palmer, Stafford and Fennell received \$62,000 secured bail and were committed to New Castle County Detention Center. Nicholas received \$62,000 secured bail and was transported to People's Place in Townsend, DE.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Detective Morgan Fountain at **302-366-7100 ext. 3133** 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.