

PRESS RELEASE

# Newark Police Department

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## Newark Police Investigating Suspicious Person Portraying City Employee

On October 13<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:00am, an unknown black male knocked on the door of a house in the unit block of Center Street. The resident, a 20 year old female University of Delaware student, opened the door and observed the subject was wearing glasses and a blue jump suit with "Newark" on it. The subject stated that he worked for the City of Newark and needed to access her basement to check the heating unit. The subject had a clipboard with papers on it but did not show identification. The resident let the subject in and the subject went into the basement for approximately two minutes. The subject then left the house and walked towards Main Street. Nothing was missing from the house and a neighborhood canvass revealed that the subject did not contact any other houses.

The resident's landlord confirmed she did not send anyone to the house to check the heater, and the City of Newark did not send any employees to the house. City of Newark employees rarely ask to enter someone's house and generally arrive in a clearly marked "City of Newark" vehicle. Residents should call the police if they have any concerns about someone asking to enter their house.

No surveillance footage is available at this time.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Officer Alex Whitt at **302-366-7100 ext. 3483** or [alex.whitt@cj.state.de.us](mailto:alex.whitt@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](http://www.tipsubmit.com) where a reward may be available.

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