

PRESS RELEASE

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Newark Police Make Arrests in GameStop Robberies

Newark Police have arrested Kendall Watts and Eric Brown in connection with two robberies of the Gamestop located on Suburban Drive. The first robbery occurred on October 27th and the original press release is below. The second robbery occurred on November 11, 2015 at approximately 9pm. During that incident, two armed black male suspects entered the store and stole money and various electronics from the store. They demanded customers' property as well but were unsuccessful. NPD arrived on scene and employees advised NPD that the suspects just fled out the back. NPD units then observed a maroon vehicle fleeing at a high rate of speed by the Retreat. NPD officers caught up to the vehicle at South College Ave and Old Cooch's Bridge Road and attempted to stop it. The vehicle initially stopped but then fled. NPD later discovered the vehicle abandoned near Eggerts Lane. NPD seized the vehicle and, based on the ensuing investigation, were able to link the robberies to the suspects below:

Eric Brown (21 years of age)
Newark, DE 19702

Kendall Watts (22 years of age)
Newark, DE 19702

Kendall Watts was arrested on November 13th without incident while NPD executed a search warrant at his residence. He was charged with: 8 counts of Robbery 1st Degree, 2 counts of Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony, and 2 counts of Conspiracy 2nd degree. Watts was arraigned and transported to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$208,000 cash bond.

Eric Brown is currently incarcerated due to an unrelated incident and is awaiting arraignment on the charges from these two robberies and faces the same charges as Watts.

The original press release from the first incident in this string is below.

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Newark Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred on October 27th at approximately 9pm at the GameStop located at 326 Suburban Drive, Newark, DE. Two black male suspects, both armed with black handguns, entered the store and stole money from the cash register and safe. They also stole money and a cell phone from two patrons at the store. The suspects then fled the store through the back door to an unknown location.

No surveillance footage is being released at this time.

Suspect #1 is a black male approximately 18-25 years old, 5'10", 150-160 lbs.

Suspect #2 a black male, approximately 18-25 years old, 5'10", 170-180 lbs.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Detective Daniel Bystricky at **302-366-7100 ext. 3136** 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.

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

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