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Assault on James F. Hall Trail

April 19, 2016 – On Monday April 18, 2016 at approximately 8:45 p.m. the Newark Police responded to the James F. Hall Trail for a report of a 23 year old female found lying on the ground unconscious, but breathing. The victim reported to officers that she was running on the trail in the area of Phillips Park when she was shoved from behind to the ground and then punched in the face several times, causing bruising. The suspect was described as a large unknown race male who was wearing a ski mask and gloves. No property was taken from the victim and no witnesses to the incident were located. She was transported to Christiana Hospital by Aetna, Hose, Hook and Ladder ambulance for treatment.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Det. James Skinner at 302-366-7110 ext. 3135 or [james.skinner@cj.state.de.us](mailto:james.skinner@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.

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

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