



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Man Claims Gunshot Wound

Around 3:50 a.m. today, a 23 year-old New Castle man presented himself at Christiana Hospital Emergency Room claiming to have suffered a gunshot wound in Newark. The man told investigating officers he was at a Main Street diner when a group of people, whose identities are unknown to him, asked if he wanted to party with them. The man then got into a van with the group and was driven to a house at an unknown location. After spending some time at the house drinking, the man left with an unknown female and two unknown males. The foursome walked around in an unknown direction. During the walk, the two unknown males began to argue. The man can not remember exactly what the argument was about, but he joined in. The man claims the group made its way behind the Newark Shopping Center when the argument escalated into a fight involving all three males. While fighting, the man heard a loud pop and felt pain in his leg. The man saw blood coming from his knee, ran to his car which was parked three blocks away, and drove himself home to New Castle. Once at home, the man told his roommate of the injury, and the roommate drove the man to the hospital.

While fighting, the injured party did not see any person armed with a gun. The wound was a laceration of the skin about 1 ½ inches long and ¼ inch wide. The examination revealed no metal in the wound. It could not be determined if the injury was a gunshot wound or a laceration caused by other means. The investigation is on-going.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Det. Rieger at 302-366-7110 ext 133.

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