



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
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PRESS RELEASE



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Arrest Made in Newark Shopping Center Robbery

Date/Time of Incident: September 2, 2008 / 2300 hours

Location(s): Newark Shopping Center
230 East Main Street

Nature of Incident: Strong Arm Robbery of UD Student *ARREST MADE*

Victims: 21 year old female, UD Student

Suspect#1: ARRESTED Tierah Oneal 17 year old female
Melrose Place
Newark, DE 19711

Suspect#2: WARRANTS ACTIVE Brooke Boyd 17 year old female
Windy Court
Newark, DE 19713

Charges: Robbery 1st, Conspiracy 2nd and Assault 3rd

Summary:

A suspect has been arrested in the September 2, 2008, strong arm robbery of a 21 year old female University of Delaware student. On the above date, the victim parked her vehicle in the Newark Shopping Center parking lot and was walking through the lot when she was approached by two unknown black female suspects. The suspects grabbed the victim by her hair, punched her, and knocked her to the ground. During the attack, the suspects stole the victim's cell phone and vehicle keys. The victim was able to run to a nearby business where she contacted the police. The suspects fled the area on foot. The victim sustained a minor injury and was treated at the Newark Emergency Center.

The arrest is a direct result of Newark Police Detective Fred Nelson's exhaustive investigation into this incident and several other recently reported robberies. On September 4, 2008, Detective Nelson issued arrest warrants for Brooke Boyd for a separate robbery located on the 100 block of Madison Drive. With information on Boyd from this robbery, Nelson was able to connect the phone records from the victim's cell

phones in both cases to Brooke Boyd and Tierah Oneal. Tierah Oneal was arrested on September 16, 2008, on the above listed charges and committed to New Castle County Detention Center on \$13,000 secured bail.

The Newark Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating Boyd. Boyd is currently wanted by the Newark Police on warrants for the two separate robberies and is also currently wanted on warrants by four other Delaware police agencies.

The City of Newark and the Newark Police Department commend Detective Nelson for his diligent investigation of these crimes and his commitment to providing a safe and peaceful environment for all residents of Newark. The Newark Police Department noted that this, coupled with other recent arrests, illustrates our aggressive commitment to public safety. The Newark Police Department wants to add "The message is very simple. If you commit a crime in Newark, you will be brought to justice." Chief Tiernan stated that Detective Nelson deserves special praise for his pursuit of these criminals.

The Newark Police Department will be continuing its efforts to combat robberies and other violent crimes with the fall Crime Suppression Plan. Officers have been deployed to prevent and apprehend offenders of serious crime. The Criminal Investigations Unit will continue to work around the clock to solve these occurrences.

Anyone who may have information about this incident is asked to call Newark Police Detective Fred Nelson at (302) 366-7110 x. 136 or 1-800-TIP-3333, where information may be left anonymously and a reward may be available.

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