



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Couple Arrested on Burglary and Scrap Metal Theft Charges

On October 3, 2008 around 3:00 a.m. officers of the Newark Police Department Street Crimes Unit caught Bryan J. Blumm and Dorothy G. Achuff stealing aluminum rain gutters from a back yard in the first block of Kells Avenue, Newark. Blumm and Achuff were in the process of loading the scrap into their white GMC Safari van when they were taken into custody. The gutters were in the yard as a result of renovations being done to the house. The same victim had suffered a theft of metal from his yard during the previous week.

During a search of the van, officers found a GPS navigational unit that had been stolen within the past two days from a car in the Village of Meeting House Hill. Also found was an iPod, the ownership of which has not yet been established. Additionally, officers found a total of 62 receipts for the sale of scrap metal to Newark Recycling and Elkton Recycling. The dates on the receipts ranged from 9/4/08 to 10/2/08.

While executing a search warrant at the motel room where the couple lives, officers found another iPod, a hypodermic needle, and a crack pipe.

Blumm and Achuff are also charged in a Burglary that occurred on September 23, 2008 in the 100 block of Wilbur Street, Newark. In that incident, Blumm and Achuff entered the garage of the house and stole a beer keg. (The stealing of kegs, to in turn sell them as scrap metal, is a current trend).

Name	Date of Birth	Address	Each Charged With
Bryan J. Blumm	11/15/1977 (30 years of age)	West Motel 711 Pulaski Hwy. Bear, DE	For the 10/3 incident: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Theft▪ Receiving Stolen Property▪ Trespass 3rd Degree▪ Conspiracy 3rd Degree▪ Possession of a Hypodermic Needle▪ Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Dorothy G. Achuff	1/3/1980 (28 years of age)	Same	For the 9/23 incident: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Burglary 3rd Degree▪ Conspiracy 2nd Degree▪ Theft▪ Conspiracy 3rd Degree

Both were committed in default of \$10,500 bail—Blumm to the Howard Young Correctional Facility and Achuff to the Baylor Women's Correctional Institution.

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