



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

October 9, 2008

SUBJECT: Man Charged in September Shooting of University of Delaware Student on Chapel Street

The Newark Police Department announces the arrest of Alexis Rodriguez for his involvement in the shooting of a University of Delaware student in the 600 block of South Chapel Street, Newark on September 19, 2008. Rodriguez is a food service worker at the University of Delaware. Information provided by an arrestee in the recent home invasion robbery incidents, coupled with information obtained from interviews with witnesses, led to Rodriguez being identified as the shooter.

Rodriguez was taken into custody after a search warrant was executed at his house this morning. The gun used in the shooting has not been recovered, and information has been received that the gun was sold on the street the day following the shooting.

With the arrest of Rodriguez, it has been confirmed that his intent was to commit a robbery at the house. He was seeking to steal illegal drugs and money from the residents.

The victim has been released from the hospital and has resumed everyday activities.

Rodriguez has been charged with Attempted Murder 1st Degree, Attempted Robbery 1st Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Aggravated Menacing, Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, and Possession of Marijuana. He is being held in default of bond in the amount of \$548,000.

Paul Tiernan, Chief of Police, commends the success of the officers investigating these incidents. "Officers from all divisions of the Newark Police Department have worked together to solve the serious incidents of crime that recently occurred. Their continuing efforts have improved the safety of university students and the citizens of Newark."

Anyone with information regarding the location of the gun, or any other facts related to this investigation, should contact Det. Fred Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext 136

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ORIGINAL RELEASE

September 19, 2008

Date/Time of Incident: September 19, 2008 / 0036 hours

Location: 600 Block South Chapel Street

Nature of Incident: Shooting at suspected drug location

Victims: 22 year old male, UD Student, from West
Chester, PA

Suspect#1: Black male, 5'6"-5'9", thin build, wearing
dark colored "doo-rag", a hooded sweatshirt.

Suspect#2: Unknown race male, heavy set, NFD

Charges: Attempted Murder

Summary:

The Newark Police Department Criminal Investigation Division is investigating a shooting that occurred overnight on the 600 block of South Chapel Street. The victim was exiting the rear of the residence at approximately 0030 hours when he was confronted in the doorway by an unknown black male that pointed a handgun at him. The unknown suspect then shot the victim once in the chest. The victim then fled the residence after being pursued by the two unknown suspects. Other residents in the house called 911. Responding Newark Police Officers located the victim a distance away from the residence and he was transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital Emergency Room. A search of the crime scene by officers yielded illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia. Detectives are actively investigating the case at this time.

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

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