

Weekly Report

Notable Notes:

- On Friday, members of the Department will travel to Philadelphia to attend the funeral services for Temple University Police Officer Christopher Fitzgerald who was tragically shot and killed in the line of duty on February 18th.

Administration Division:

- NPD is hiring! Visit <https://joinnewarkpd.com/> for more information on our department and a link to the application.

Auxiliary Services Division:

- The NPD Communications Division is looking for individuals interested in becoming a police dispatcher. Anyone interested in applying is encouraged to visit <https://cityofnewarkdeemployees.munisselfservice.com//EmploymentOpportunities/JobDetail.aspx?req=2023&sreq=15&form=GEN&desc=COMMUNICATIONS%20OFFICER%20I> for additional information.

Criminal Investigations Division:

- Detectives are investigating a residential burglary that was reported on February 16th, 2023, at approximately 1149 hours in the 300 block of Socom Court. Responding officers determined that the resident heard their dog barking and went to the first floor to investigate. The resident observed an unknown white male suspect, 20-30 years of age, enter the residence from the attached garage. When the suspect made eye contact with the resident, he turned and fled the residence. Officers found evidence of forced entry to the residence and the victim determined that personal property was stolen. Anyone with information about this incident should contact Det. T. Gerasimov at 302-366-7100 X. 3474 or tgerasimov@newark.de.us.

Patrol Division:

- On Sunday, February 19th, 2023, at approximately 0032 hours, officers responded to the Deer Park Tavern parking lot for the report of a male threatening a victim with a knife. Upon officer's arrival, the suspect was taken into custody without incident. It was determined that the male suspect was denied entry into the Deer Park due to his level of intoxication. The male became disorderly with employees which quickly escalated when the suspect threatened staff with a knife. The suspect was charged with Aggravated Menacing, Reckless Endangering, and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony.
- On Sunday, February 19th, at approximately 0051 hours, while at the Deer Park Tavern investigating a suspect threatening employees with a knife, officers were advised that a second male (unrelated to the incident) was refusing to leave the business. Officers responded to the second floor and found Deer Park staff restraining a disorderly male. The suspect was taken into custody. Incident to a search, he was found to be in possession of cocaine. During transport, the suspect stated he was suicidal and began hitting his head on the glass partition in the police vehicle. Due to these statements, escalating behavior, along with the cocaine that was found in his possession, he was transported directly to the Christiana Emergency Room. Upon arrival at the hospital, the suspect became combative with officers and constables. While they were restraining him, the suspect kicked an officer in the head (no injuries). The male was admitted

to the hospital and warrants were obtained charging him with Offensive Touching of a Law Enforcement Officer, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Disorderly Conduct.

- Also on Sunday, February 19th, at approximately 0056 hours, officers responded to a residence on White Clay Drive in reference to a group of males threatening the residents with a gun. As officers arrived, they located the suspect vehicle attempting to leave the scene and detained the five occupants. It was determined that during a house party, a group of subjects began arguing with the hosts and guests. During the argument, the victims stated one subject pointed a firearm at them and another displayed one in his waistband. As a result of the investigation, one suspect was charged with Aggravated Menacing (2 counts), Terroristic Threatening, and Disorderly Conduct. A second male was arrested for Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon when a knife was found in his possession. A third male was arrested for Aggravated Menacing, Disorderly Conduct, and Conspiracy. A female suspect was arrested for Hindering Prosecution, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Conspiracy.

Special Enforcement Division:

- During the week, the Traffic Unit will conduct traffic enforcement at various locations throughout the city including Casho Mill Road, Delaware Avenue, South College Avenue, and Nottingham Road. The unit will conduct traffic surveys on Casho Mill Road in the area of Downes Elementary School and on Barksdale Road at Rahway.
- The Special Operations Unit remains redeployed to the Patrol Division to cover vacancies.