



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

April 29, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Attempted Robbery Arrest

On Sunday, April 26, the victim was hosting a small invitation-only party at his house in the first block of East Cleveland Avenue, Newark. Around 1:40 a.m., a group of about eight uninvited people entered the house through a kitchen door. The victim confronted the group and told them they were not welcome. One member of the group became confrontational, cocked his fist, and acted as if he would hit the victim.

The victim began to retreat, at which point the suspect attempted to forcibly remove the victim's wallet from his pants pocket. The victim was able to get away, and ran to another room to call police. The suspect's group left the house.

Through interviews with witnesses, the investigating officer was able to identify the suspect as Michael Tracey. Tracey's identity was confirmed by the victim. A warrant was obtained which charged Tracey with Attempted Robbery 2nd Degree, Menacing, and Criminal Trespass. Tracey was arrested by officers from the Office of Probation and Parole on Tuesday April 28, and his custody was transferred to the Newark Police. Tracey was subsequently committed to the Howard Young Correctional Facility in lack of \$6,000 bail.

The victim, a 22 year-old male University of Delaware student, was not injured.

Defendant:

Michael Patrick Tracey
April 4, 1987 (22 years of age)
300 Holly Oak Road, Claymont, DE

Text 302NPD and your tip to TIP411.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Media Contact: Lt. Brian Henry, Public Information Officer, 302-366-7110 ext 125 or brian.henry@cj.state.de.us.

