



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Assault with Stabbing at Newark High School

Today around 10:30 a.m., a confrontation between a male and female student, both 17 years-old, occurred in the in-school suspension room at Newark High School. There was a verbal exchange between the two, which led to the male student assaulting the female student—grabbing her by the throat, punching her in the face, and throwing her to the floor. A teacher intervened and pulled the male away from the female.

The teacher began walking the male combatant away from the female. At that point, the female retrieved a kitchen knife from her purse and stabbed the male in the back.

Both were transported by ambulance to Christiana Hospital. The female was treated for a bloody nose and contusions. She was released after treatment and is in police custody. The male was treated for a puncture wound and a collapsed lung. He was admitted in good condition.

Charges are pending against both parties.

This information will be updated later in the day, and another release will be sent. Currently, there is no time estimate for the update.

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

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