



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

May 1, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: UPDATE—Newark High School Assaults

Further investigation revealed that a 50 year-old female teacher who attempted to take the knife from the female defendant suffered minor cuts on her hand. She did not require medical attention.

The female defendant has been charged with Assault 1st Degree (against the 17 year-old male), Assault 2nd Degree (injury to the teacher), Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, and Possession of a Deadly Weapon in a Safe School Zone. She was committed to the New Castle County Detention Center in default of \$14,500 bond. The court also ordered her to have no contact with the victim or with Newark High School.

A warrant has been obtained charging the male combatant with Assault 3rd Degree.

Information concerning this incident can be reported to Det. D'Elia at 302-366-7110 ext 132 or Greg.Delia@cj.state.de.us, or anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available. Text 302NPD and your tip to TIP411.

The original release follows.

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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.

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