



# NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT: Mother and Daughter Charged in Purse Theft**

On Saturday May 9 around 4:35 p.m., an unattended purse was stolen from the Brunswick Blue Hen Lanes, 230 East Main Street, Newark. The theft was witnessed by a patron of the bowling alley, who was also a friend purse's owner. The witness saw one female suspect take the purse and hand it off to another female suspect. Both suspects then left the building. The witness confronted the suspects, and they surrendered the purse to the witness.

Officers responding to the call obtained descriptions of the suspects, and one officer located both suspects on a DART bus that had recently left the Delaware Avenue transit hub. The suspects were positively identified by the witness. The suspects were identified as Carolyn Paoli, and her daughter, Jessica Paoli, although Jessica originally provided a false name to the officers.

Found in the belongings of both suspects were prescription medications that neither was legally entitled to possess. Both were also found to have outstanding warrants on file—Carolyn out of the Court of Common Pleas and Jessica from Family Court.

There have been other similar recent thefts from the Blue Hen Lanes, and the defendants' possible involvement in those incidents is being investigated. Due to suspicions about the defendants' activities, in March 2009 the management of the bowling alley barred the defendants from the property, under the threat of arrest for trespassing should they return.

Carolyn Paoli	6/13/1954 (54 years)	2203 Southway Drive Newark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Theft</li><li>• Conspiracy 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree</li><li>• Possession of a Controlled Substance</li><li>• Criminal Trespass 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree</li></ul>
Jessica Paoli	10/23/1990 (18 years)	Same Address	Same charges, plus Criminal Impersonation.



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Both defendants were committed to the Baylor Women's Correctional Institute in default of bond: Carolyn in the amount of \$2,501 and Jessica in the amount of \$2,850.

Information related to this incident should be reported to Officer James Spadola at 302-366-7110 ext. 426 or [James.Spadola@cj.state.de.us](mailto:James.Spadola@cj.state.de.us). Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available. Text 302NPD and your crime tip to TIP411.

*Photos Attached*

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

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