



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Attempted Robbery

On 06/01/2009 at approximately 0145 hours the Newark Police Department responded to vehicle collision into a light pole in the intersection of East Main Street and Library Avenue. Upon police arrival, no one was located with the vehicle. Several hours later NPD Dispatch received a call from a male who stated that he was driving that vehicle and he crashed after he was almost robbed at gunpoint.

The 21 year old male victim stated that he was stopped at the traffic light of Library Avenue N/B at East Main Street, when a newer model black Honda with tinted windows pulled up next to him. There were two males in this vehicle. The victim stated that the driver of the black Honda then pulled out a handgun and demanded money from him while speaking Spanish. The victim stated that fearing for his safety; he floored his vehicle, attempted to turn left onto East Main Street and then struck a light pole. The victim stated that he fled on foot as he heard the suspect vehicle coming after him.

The one suspect driving the vehicle can only be described as a Hispanic male, 23 to 24 years old who spoke Spanish.

The Newark Police are seeking the public's assistance in locating witnesses to the attempted robbery or the vehicle collision.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Fred Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext. 136 or Frederick.Nelson@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available.

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