



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

July 9, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Mark Duncan Charged with Filing False Report

Mark Duncan, who in late May 2009 alleged that he was stabbed on East Cleveland Avenue, has been charged with two criminal offenses regarding that report. On May 30, Duncan presented himself at the Christiana Hospital for treatment of stab wounds. Duncan was initially contacted by officers from the Delaware State Police while at the hospital.

Duncan first told the Troopers he was stabbed while playing basketball on University of Delaware property. He later changed the story, saying he was stabbed while walking on Cleveland Avenue. Duncan told the Troopers that he knew the identity of his assailant, but would not provide that information to the police. Duncan signed himself out of the hospital before receiving treatment in order to avoid further questioning.

A Newark Police officer responding to the hospital saw Duncan walking and convinced Duncan to return for treatment. Duncan complied and was treated for a stab wound. During a subsequent interview, Duncan again changed his story, saying he was jumped by four unknown suspects and was stabbed during the assault.

Due to the multiple inconsistencies in his accounts, an arrest warrant was obtained charging Duncan with one count of Falsely Reporting an Incident and one count of Hindering Prosecution. He surrendered himself to the Newark Police today. He was released on his signature, pending a future court appearance.

Mark D. Duncan	March 3, 1987 (22 years)	65 W. Delaware Ave, Newark
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Photo attached. Original press release follows.

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PRESS RELEASE

June 1, 2009

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SUBJECT: UD Football Player stabbed during attack

On 05/30/2009 the Newark Police Department responded to the Christiana Hospital Emergency Room for a report of a stabbing victim. The incident allegedly occurred in the area of East Cleveland Avenue near North Chapel Street.

The victim, a 22 year old UD student and football player, stated to officers that he was walking in the area of East Cleveland Avenue and North Chapel Street when he was attacked by four white males. During this altercation, the victim was stabbed once in the right rib area and once in the neck area. The victim was treated and released from the hospital.

One suspect is described as a white male in his early 20's, heavy set, approximately 6'01" and 240 lbs., with short hair and wearing a white t-shirt. The other three suspects were only described as white males around the same age but smaller in stature.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Greg D'Elia at 302-366-7110 ext. 132 or Gregory.Delia@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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