



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Cigarettes Stolen During Commercial Burglary

On Sunday October 25, 2009 at approximately 0645 hours the Newark Police Department responded to a report of a commercial burglary which occurred at the Tobacco Zone located at 1023 South College Avenue. The incident occurred sometime between the hours of midnight and 0645 hours on the described date. Officers arrived on scene and noticed that the front doors to the business were damaged. Once inside of the store it was learned that \$6,000 worth of Newport cigarette's and Newport 100's were stolen. Surveillance video provided a description of the suspect as wearing a dark (possibly blue) hooded sweatshirt, dark jeans, white sneakers, 20-30 years of age, and 5'10"-6'00".

On Friday October 30, 2009 at approximately 0531 hours the Newark Police Department responded to a burglary alarm at the Fairfield News located in the Fairfield Shopping Center on New London Road. Upon officer's arrival the front door to the business had been damaged, however, no entry was made into the store. Surveillance video provided a similar suspect description, dark hooded sweatshirt, white t-shirt underneath, dark jeans, brown boots, and age and height as above. Further the suspect was operating a dark colored 4-door (possibly Dodge) vehicle with a Delaware tag.

Surveillance photos of both incidents are attached to this press release.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Detective Michael Watson at 302-366-7110 ext. 133 or Michael.Watson@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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A surveillance camera still image showing a person in a dark hoodie and pants walking through a security checkpoint. The person is carrying a large, rectangular box with a colorful, multi-colored top surface. They are walking on a light-colored tiled floor. To the right, there are metal stanchions forming a queue line. In the background, a sign is visible with the words "MURKIN" and "MURKIN LANE" in a stylized font. The scene is dimly lit, with overhead lights visible. The overall atmosphere is that of a security screening area.

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