



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Armed Robbery at Friendly's Restaurant

An armed robbery occurred at the Friendly's Restaurant, 1115 South College Avenue, Newark, on Sunday January 10 around 11:30 p.m. The restaurant had closed for the night, but four members of the staff were still finishing their duties. As an employee took trash to the Dumpster, he was approached by the suspect, who demanded he be taken to the office.

The employee escorted the suspect into the building and to the office, where other employees were gathered. The suspect displayed a handgun and demanded money. The suspect was given cash. He ordered all four employees into the freezer, where they remained until they heard the suspect leave the building. They let themselves out of the freezer and notified police.

The suspect appeared to be a Hispanic male or light-skinned black male, 5' 8" to 5; 10" tall, 160 to 180 lbs, with an average build. He wore dark colored pants and a black jacket.

The employees include a 21 year-old male, 22 year-old female, a 37 year-old male, and a 46 year-old female. None were injured.

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

Text 302NPD and your tip to TIP411 (847411).

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