



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

PRESS RELEASE

January 27, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: *Update*—Robbery Suspect Identified

Robbery synopsis: A 27 year-old female was on the sidewalk in front of the Pep Boys in College Square when a man approached her from the rear and attempted to steal her purse. The victim resisted and a struggle ensued. The struggle caused the victim to lose control of the purse and fall to the ground. The suspect ran to a pick-up truck a short distance away, got into the passenger side, and the truck drove off.

Boston Market synopsis: When the suspect vehicle arrived at the Boston Market, Richard Lowery entered the restaurant. Dewayne Lowery remained in the truck and moved to the driver seat. Upon seeing police entering the parking lot, Dewayne Lowery attempted to drive out of the lot, going behind the building. At that time, a Newark Police Officer was walking up the driveway behind the building. The officer signaled for the vehicle to stop and attempted to move from the path of the truck, moving toward a curb and flower bed at the rear of the restaurant. However, the truck veered toward the officer. Fearing for his safety, the officer fired one shot from his handgun toward the driver. The officer fell into the flower bed, and the pick-up narrowly missed him.

Crash synopsis: After being pursued into Maryland, the suspect vehicle drove onto Providence Road, where it left the roadway and struck a tree near Little Elk Creek Road. The crash caused significant damage to the front end of the truck. A nearby resident saw the driver leave the truck and run northbound on Little Elk Creek Road.

The suspect who was taken into custody at the Boston Market on January 26 has been identified as:

Richard Lowery	3/22/1981 (28 years)	406 Jackson Station Rd, Perryville, MD
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Richard Lowery was driving the pick-up truck during the purse snatching. He is charged with Robbery 2nd Degree and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. He is being held on \$7,000 bond.



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Investigators have also learned that the pick-up truck being driven by Lowery, which was subsequently crashed while attempted to elude police, had been reported stolen from a residence in Cecil County, Maryland.

The second suspect is still at large. He has been identified as:

Dewayne Lowery	2/8/1973 (36 years)	406 Jackson Station Rd, Perryville, MD
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He is the brother of Richard Lowery.

A warrant is on file charging Dewayne Lowery with Robbery 2nd Degree and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. Additional charges are pending for his actions against the police officer.

Dewayne Lowery is known to frequent Northeast, Maryland. Information regarding the whereabouts of Dewayne Lowery should be reported to the Newark Police at 302-366-7111. Information can also be anonymously reported to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

In accord with departmental policy, the officer is on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

Photo attached.

Original release follows.

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

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**SUBJECT: Purse Snatch Leads to Suspect Driving at Officer,
Who Shoots at Suspect**

The Newark Police Department is actively involved in an investigation and search for a suspect in an incident that began around 4:30 p.m. today. At that time, two males in a pick-up truck committed a strong arm robbery by forcibly snatching a purse from a female victim near the Pep Boys in the College Square Shopping Center on Library Avenue, Newark. A witness was able to provide a description of the truck and the registration number.

Around 5:05 p.m. the pick-up was located in the parking lot of the Boston Market at 1050 South College Avenue, Newark. A Newark Police officer arrived and was walking behind the building when the pick-up drove toward him. The officer attempted to move from the vehicle's path, but the truck veered toward the officer, who was now directly against a curb and flower bed. Fearing for his safety, the officer fired one shot from his handgun toward the driver.

The pick-up continued driving out of the parking lot and traveled west on Welch Tract Road. Other responding units took up pursuit of the pick-up as it traveled into Maryland via Elkton Road. After making several turns on back roads in Maryland, the officers briefly lost sight of the truck. Shortly up the road, the truck was found crashed into a tree. The suspect was not in the vehicle when officers arrived at the crash scene. It is not known if the suspect was struck by the officer's bullet.

A search was conducted by officers on foot, a helicopter, and a K-9. At the time of this writing, the suspect has not been located and the search continues.

The second suspect was located by officers inside the Boston Market and was taken into custody without incident.

At this time the identity of the suspects and the officer involved are not being released. An update to this information is expected to be released at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday January 27.

