



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Two Arrested in Street Robbery

A street robbery occurred on Saturday February 13 around 2:05 a.m. The two victims were walking along Hillside Road near Apple Road, Newark, when a car stopped along side of them. The passenger engaged the victims in conversation, but then told them not to move and implied he had a gun. The driver approached the victims and patted down the pockets of both. He removed a cell phone from one victim, got back into the car, and drove off. The victims were able to provide a vehicle description and registration number.

About 20 minutes later, a Newark Police Officer on patrol saw the car, a 2008 Toyota Corolla, on Elkton Road near Amstel Avenue. The officer stopped the car, and the occupants were identified as the suspects in the robbery. Both were taken into custody.

The victims, two 19 year-old University of Delaware students, were not injured.

The defendants:

Howard B. Johnson, Jr.	12/26/87 (22 years)	299 Seacroft Dr, Dover, DE
Earl Holt	2/27/84 (25 years)	72 Willington Way, Dover, DE

Neither are UD students, however, both were in town attending a dance at the University of Delaware.

Both were charged with one count of Robbery 1st Degree, one count of Attempted Robbery 1st Degree, and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. Both were released on unsecured bond after making an initial court appearance.

Photos attached.

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

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