



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: UD Student Arrested for Assault with Samurai Sword

On Saturday 4/24/2010 at approximately 0303 hours The Newark Police Department responded to an address on the first block of East Main Street for a report an assault with a sword. Upon arrival to the scene it was learned that the victim had been attending a party in an apartment. During that party a fight broke out when the party ended. The fight spilled into a bedroom where the suspect, Luis Sanchez-Herrera, picked up a Samurai Sword and struck the victim in the hand.

The victim received a severe incision wound to the hand as a result of being struck by the sword. The victim's injury required twenty stitches. The victim was transported to Christiana Hospital Emergency Room for treatment by Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Ambulance. Officers at the scene seized a three foot long Samurai style sword.

Luis Sanchez-Herrera, DOB 12/15/1985 (24 year old), of 50 East Main Street, Newark was charged with 1 count of Assault 1st Degree, 2 counts of Aggravated Menacing and 1 count of Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony.

Photograph attached.

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

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

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