



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Two Pedestrians Struck and Injured in Collision

Two pedestrians were injured after being struck by a vehicle on S. Chapel Street north of E. Delaware Avenue in Newark around 12:50 a.m. on Saturday September 11, 2010. A 200 Dodge Durango being driven by an on-duty private security officer had just made the left turn from Delaware Ave. and was traveling northbound on Chapel St. The two pedestrians, both University of Delaware students, attempted to cross Chapel Street from west to east, approximately 40 feet north of the marked crosswalk. The pedestrians darted in front of the Durango, and the operator applied his brakes. However, the Durango could not be stopped before the front end hit both pedestrians.

Both pedestrians were transported to Christiana Hospital, where one was treated for a broken femur and other injuries. The second was treated for cuts, scrapes, and bruising. The investigation revealed that both pedestrians had been drinking prior to the collision. The driver showed no sign of impairment. Charges are pending against the pedestrians.

Operator: Javon E. Redden, 21 year-old male, Bear, DE.

Pedestrian #1: Jennifer Bakry, 19 year-old female, Newark, DE.

Pedestrian #2: Katherine Murphy, 19 year-old female, Rockville, MD.

Information regarding this incident can be reported to Police Office Ashlee Hodge at 302-366-7110 ext 471 or Ashlee.Hodge@cj.state.de.us. Anonymous text tips: text 302NPD and your info to TIP411 (847411).

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

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