



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Strong Arm Robbery

On Saturday, March 5th, 2011 at approximately 1:06am a Newark Police Officer on patrol was flagged down at the North Chapel Street entrance to Newark Shopping Center for a report of a strong arm robbery. The victim advised the officer that he was walking off of North Chapel Street into the shopping center when he was grabbed from behind by the suspect. The suspect then reached into the victims pocket, removed his wallet and then threw the victim to the ground. The suspect then fled on foot with the victim's wallet and was last seen running northbound on North Chapel Street.

The suspect was described as an 18-22 year old white male, 5'8" to 5'10", average build wearing a black hoodie and blue jeans.

The victim, a 21 year old white male, sustained minor abrasions and lacerations to his left knee.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Det. Mike Szep at 302-366-7110 ext. 136 or michael.szep@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 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com 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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