



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Traffic Stop Leads to Recovery of Stolen Handgun and Marijuana

The Newark Police have arrested 28 year old Eesa Abdul-Ahad from Newark after he was found in possession of a stolen firearm during a traffic stop on Tyre Avenue in the City of Newark. A subsequent investigation led to the recovery of 99 grams of marijuana.

On April 1st, 2011 at approximately 11:40pm members of the Newark PD Street Crimes unit conducted a traffic stop of a Jeep Cherokee operated by 21 year old Shannon Ruth of Newark after observing a traffic violation. During their contact with the driver and three passengers they recovered a loaded Beretta .25 cal handgun in the possession of Abdul-Ahad. This weapon was reported stolen to the New Castle County Police in May of 2010. The investigation also led to a search warrant of a second vehicle at Abdul-Ahad's residence resulting in the recovery of 99 grams of marijuana. Abdul-Ahad was charged with multiple criminal charges (see below) and committed to Howard Young Correctional on \$20,000 secured bail.

Also contacted during the stop were 22 year old Lauren Wingate of Wilmington and 24 year old Thomas Barbour of Newark. Lauren Wingate was found to be wanted on an outstanding capias and was later committed to Baylor Women's Correctional on \$5,100 cash bail. Thomas Barbour provided officers with a fictitious name; was also found to be wanted on an outstanding capias and was committed to Howard Young Correctional on \$10,771 cash bail.

The operator of the vehicle, Shannon Ruth was charged with two traffic violations and released.

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Defendant: Eesa Abdul-Ahad DOB 5/20/83
53 North Fawn Drive
Newark, DE 19711

Charges: Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon
Receiving a Stolen Firearm
Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana
Maintaining a Vehicle for Keeping a Controlled Substance
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Possession of Marijuana
Committed on \$20,000 secured Bail

Defendant: Thomas Barbour DOB 2/27/87
14 Mitchell Circle
Newark, DE 19713

Charges: Criminal Impersonation
Capias
Committed on \$10,771 cash bail

Defendant: Lauren Wingate DOB 4/11/88
3314 Old Capitol Trail
Wilmington, DE 19805

Charges: Capias
Committed on \$5,100 cash bail

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

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