



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: 24yo Male Electrocuted After Climbing on Freight Train

On Saturday morning the Newark Police Department responded to Christiana Hospital after being alerted that a 24 year old male had been electrocuted while climbing on a freight train at approximately 4:30am.

Officers learned that the victim who resides in the 200 block of East Park Place in Newark had trespassed onto the railroad tracks just south of Kells Park. For an unknown reason the victim, who was alone at the time of the incident, climbed onto a Norfolk Southern freight train and once on top was shocked by electricity from an overhead high voltage line. The victim apparently lost consciousness and when he awoke was lying on the railroad tracks. He managed to walk back to his residence and alerted his roommates who then transported him by private vehicle to Christiana Hospital.

The victim was initially treated at Christiana Hospital for burns to approximately 35% of his body including left hand, neck, face, right arm and shoulder, back and right leg. He was then transported to Crozer Chester Medical Center where he is currently admitted for his injuries, which are not believed to be life threatening.

The victim's identity is being withheld as no charges have been filed at this time. The investigation is continuing. Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Cpl. Adam Stevens at 302-366-7110 ext. 434 or adam.stevens@cj.state.de.us.

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

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