



# NEWS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SUBJECT: NPD Seek to Identify Reckless Burning Suspect**

Newark Police are investigating an intentional fire set on November 24<sup>th</sup> in a trash dumpster in the parking lot behind Primo Hoagies on East Main Street. Police have obtained a photo of the suspect vehicle and are asking for the public's assistance to identify the suspect.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at approximately 10:15 am the suspect was seen on surveillance video placing an unknown item into the dumpster. Moments later flames were seen coming from the dumpster. The suspect had been previously warned for trespassing on the property after he was observed searching for scrap metal in the dumpsters.

The suspect is described as a black male in his late 50's to early 60's and is missing numerous teeth. The suspect was operating an older model dark green and silver Dodge Ram truck with a silver racing stripe on the hood and ladder racks on the back.

Surveillance video is not available at this time, however a still photo of the suspect vehicle is attached.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Officer Ronald Zappaterrini at 302-366-7110 ext. 444 or [ronald.zappaterrini@cj.state.de.us](mailto:ronald.zappaterrini@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](http://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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