



# NEWS RELEASE

*Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police*

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**SUBJECT: Strong-Arm Robbery South Chapel Street**

On Monday, February 25, 2013 at approximately 8:55 p.m., the Newark Police responded to South Chapel Street, north of Continental Avenue, for a report of a strong-armed robbery. A 21 year old female victim, a University of Delaware student, reported that she was walking southbound on South Chapel Street with her phone in her hand. The victim observed an unknown black female walking towards her. The victim stated that the female then started running at her and grabbed her phone out of her hand. The female suspect also tried to steal the victim's purse but was unsuccessful. The female suspect fled the area running between the 700 and 800 buildings of Scholar Drive. A K9 track was initiated with the assistance of a UDPD K9, with negative results.

The suspect is described as a black female with a fit build, 20-23 years old, 120-130 pounds, approximately 5'05" tall, wearing all black and a black baseball style hat.

No surveillance video is available at this time.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Fred Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext 136 or [frederick.nelson@cj.state.de.us](mailto:frederick.nelson@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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