



# NEWS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT: NPD Investigate Attempted Robbery**

Newark Police are investigating an attempted robbery which occurred at approximately 12:48pm today in front of 344 East Main Street in the City of Newark.

During the incident, a 28 year old male victim had just left an ATM in Newark Shopping Center and was walking eastbound on the north sidewalk of East Main Street. In the area of 344 East Main Street he was approached from behind by an unknown white male suspect. The suspect displayed a handgun and demanded the victim's property. The victim grabbed the suspect's handgun and a struggle ensued. After a brief struggle, the victim was able to disarm the suspect who fled empty handed westbound on East Main Street. The gun was discovered to be a BB gun.

The victim, who is a student in the University of Delaware ELI program, sustained minor abrasions to his hands but refused medical treatment.

The suspect is described as a white male approximately 20 years old, 5'8" -5'10" tall, with a thin build and very short hair. The suspect was wearing a black hooded jacket with the hood pulled up over his head, a black flat brimmed baseball hat, and blue jeans.

There is no surveillance video available at this time. A photo of the BB gun recovered at the scene is attached.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Det. 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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