



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Newark Police Arrest Two for Robbery

On July 20th at approximately 1:33 AM, Newark Police responded to the Red Roof Inn (1119 South College Ave) in response to a loud party complaint. The victims advised that they were trying to sleep in their motel room but couldn't due to noise coming from a nearby room. The victims went outside to ask the noisy guests to be quiet. After their attempts were met with negative results, two victims attempted to call 911 while still outside their room. While doing so, Maurice Cruz-Webster attempted to grab a cell phone out of one of the victim's hands. Sherman Pride then successfully grabbed another victim's phone. A third victim was punched by Pride in the face.

NPD stopped the suspect's vehicle on scene and arrested the defendants listed below.

Defendant #1: Maurice Cruz-Webster (DOB 05/18/1994)
2503 N Jefferson Street
Wilmington DE, 19802

Charges: Robbery 2nd Degree
Conspiracy 2nd Degree
Offensive Touching
Malicious Interference with Emergency Communications

Defendant #2: Sherman Pride
208 E Highland Blvd
New Castle, DE 19720

Charges: Robbery 2nd Degree
Conspiracy 2nd Degree
2 cts. Offensive Touching

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

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The victims suffered from minor facial injuries. The victim's cell phone was recovered near where the SUV was stopped and returned to the victim. Both defendants were committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$1,700 secured bail each.



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Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Detective James Skinner at 302-366-7110 ext. 135 or james.skinner@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 where a reward may be available.

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