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Newark Police Arrest Sexual Assault Suspect

On April 18th, 2015 at approximately 6am, Newark Police responded to the unit block of East Cleveland Avenue in response to a sexual assault that occurred a few hours prior in the 100 block of East Cleveland Avenue. The victim, a 21 year-old female University of Delaware student, reported that she met the suspect, later identified as Paul Defeo, the previous night at a restaurant. After the restaurant closed, she and the suspect went back to her residence along with other friends. While in a bedroom, the suspect assaulted her.

Based on the investigation, Paul Defeo was arrested without incident on April 19th at the University Courtyards.

Defendant: Paul Defeo, age 21
Butler, NJ

Charges: Rape 1st Degree
Strangulation

Defeo was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$250,000 cash bail.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Detective Daniel Bystricky at **302-366-7100 ext. 3136** or Daniel.Bystricky@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.

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

