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SUBJECT OF PRESS RELEASE

Newark Police Investigating Strong Armed Robbery Wilbur Street

January 14, 2016 – The Newark Police Department is investigating a strong armed robbery that occurred on January 12, 2016 at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the area of Wilbur Street, Newark, DE.

Two victims, 22 and 21 year old female University of Delaware Students, were walking together on Wilbur Street in the area of Prospect Ave. They heard footsteps approaching from behind and each had their purse grabbed by the suspects. The first suspect grabbed the 21 year olds purse and she attempted to fight back but was punched in the face by suspect 1. The second suspect grabbed the 22 year olds purse. After obtaining the property both suspects fled together on foot toward Cleveland Ave. The victims went home and immediately notified the police.

The 21 year old victim suffered minor injuries but refused medical attention. The 22 year old victim was not injured.

Shortly after reporting the incident to the police, the victims learned from their credit card companies that the cards had been used at several stores in the City of Wilmington. Detectives canvassed those stores and were able to obtain surveillance photos of the suspects (photographs attached) who used those cards. They are now trying to identify those people. The suspects arrived at one of the stores in the pictured vehicle. That vehicle is believed to be an older model Mercury Mountaineer, gray or silver, with the license plate partially covered by paper.

Suspects:

Suspect 1
Race unknown, light brown skin
tone
5'10", 130-140 lbs., average
build



Dark gray sweatshirt, scruffy facial hair, dark pants

Suspect 2

Black male, dark skin

5'10", 150-170 lbs., average build

Black hoodie with a red design, black puffy coat, black sweat pants and sneakers

Victims:

21 year old female

University of Delaware Student

Paramus, NJ

22 year old female

University of Delaware Student

York, PA

This investigation is ongoing at the time of this release. No additional details are available at this time.

Anyone with information about this robbery is asked to contact Det. Daniel Bystricky at 302-366-7110 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



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