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Newark Police Arrest Middletown Man for Aggravated Menacing in Road Rage Incident

March 1, 2016 – Newark Police arrested Christopher Esdale for aggravated menacing during a road rage incident earlier today. At approximately 12:10pm, Christopher Esdale and the victim exchanged words at the intersection of Route 4 and Route 72. They continued travelling westbound on Route 4 and turned onto Old Chestnut Hill Road with Esdale driving behind the victim. Both drivers came to a stop and exited their vehicles on Old Chestnut Hill Road. While walking towards the victim, Esdale lifted his shirt and put his hand on a holstered handgun in his waistband. The victim yelled and got back into his car, at which point Esdale closed the driver's door on the victim's leg. The victim's screams were heard by a Newark Police Officer that was on Old Chestnut Hill Road. The officer exited his vehicle and took Esdale into custody without incident. The victim did not require medical attention.

Defendant: Christopher Esdale, 58 years of age

Middletown, DE 19709

Charges: Aggravated Menacing

Offensive Touching

Esdale is currently in custody at NPD awaiting bail.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Officer Nathan Graber at **302-366-7100 ext. 3436** or nathan.graber@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.

