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**Dispute Over Vehicle Leads to Shots Fired and Drug Arrest**

April 12, 2016 – On Monday April 11, 2016 at approximately 12:07 A.M. the Newark Police responded to the unit block of North Street for multiple reports of shots fired. Police officers responding to the area located a male shirtless and bleeding (not from a gunshot wound) on North College Avenue. This male was identified as William L. Hannah of New Castle, DE. Detectives and the Evidence Detection Unit were called to the scene to begin their investigation. During the investigation, it was learned that Hannah responded to a residence on North Street in order to confront a subject over a dispute about a vehicle sale. While at the residence, Hannah became involved in a physical altercation with that subject, identified as Cesar B. Carela. The altercation spilled out of the residence where Hannah responded to a vehicle, retrieved a handgun, and fired four shots at the residence. No one in the area was injured by the gunfire. Hannah then fled on foot until he was stopped by responding police officers. The handgun has not been located. A search warrant was executed on Carela's residence in reference to this investigation. During the search, detectives located a pound of marijuana. William Hannah was charged with the below listed crimes and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institute in lieu of \$39,250 secured bail. Cesar Carela was charged with the below listed crime and released on \$3,000 unsecured bond.

Defendant 1: William L. Hannah, 23 years old  
Valley Forge Road, New Castle, DE, 19720

Charges: Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony  
Possession of a Firearm While Under the Influence  
Reckless Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (5 counts)  
Aggravated Menacing (2 counts)

Defendant 2: Cesar B. Carela, 22 years old  
North Street, Newark, DE 19711

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 1 quantity

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Det. James Skinner at 302-366-7110 ext. 3135 or [james.skinner@cj.state.de.us](mailto: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](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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