



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Truants Charged in Residential Burglary

On October 28, 2008 around 10:25 a.m. a resident of Creek Bend Drive, Newark, reported two suspicious persons going door-to-door soliciting for a leaf raking business. A Newark Police Officer responding to the call located two juveniles, who were found to be truant from the Newark High School. The officer collected their information, then returned the truants to the school. The car they were driving was left on the street.

Around 1:00 p.m. a resident of the intersecting street, Creek Bend Court, arrived home and discovered a side door to the house had been forced open and a laptop computer was missing. The investigating officer looked inside the truant's car and could see the computer in the vehicle. During a subsequent search of the car officers also found prescription medication and alcohol.

Arrests warrants were obtained for both juveniles and they turned themselves in on November 1.

Defendant #1: 15 year-old male, 100 block of Kenneth Court, Newark.

Charges: Burglary 2nd Degree, Felony Theft, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, and Criminal Mischief. He was committed to New Castle County Detention Center after failing to post \$5,100 bail.

Defendant #2: 17 year-old male, first block of Worrall Drive, Newark.

Charges: Same as above, plus Possession of a Controlled Substance and Underage Possession of Alcohol.

He was released to his parents on an unsecured bond in the amount of \$10,000.

Information about the incident can be reported to Det. Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext 136 or anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

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