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SUBJECT: Parking Enforcement Officer Thwarts Robbery

DEFENDANT

<i>NAME</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>DATE OF BIRTH</i>
Eric A. Grant	21103 Laguna Drive Rehoboth Beach, DE	August 15, 1983 (25 years of age)

On Thursday November 6, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Newark Police Department Parking Enforcement Officer Sarah Streeter was working on East Main Street and saw two people engaged in a physical altercation near the ATM outside 51 E. Main St. She intervened and separated the two combatants. Grant was armed with a tire iron, which the parking officer removed from his grasp. PEO Streeter radioed for a police response and remained with the two males until officers arrived.

The investigation revealed that the victim was using the ATM when Grant approached, put his finger to the victim's back implying it was a gun, and demanded money. The victim attempted to comply, but due to the stress of the situation could not properly operate the ATM. Grant then tried to work the machine, but the victim pushed him aside and cleared the transaction. Grant verbally threatened the victim and brandished the tire iron, which had been hidden under his clothing. The victim and Grant began to scuffle and both fell to the ground, at which time the parking officer arrived.

The victim, a 21 year-old male (not a UD student), was not injured.

Grant was charged with Attempted Robbery 1st Degree and Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon. He was committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution in default of \$2500 bond.

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