



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Armed Robbery of Hotel

On September 8 around 3:05 p.m., a person walked into the lobby of the Howard Johnson hotel at 1119 south College Avenue, Newark. The suspect turned his back to the counter and acted as if he was perusing brochures on the wall. While doing so, he pulled a scarf over his face to serve as a mask.

The person then walked to the counter, displayed a handgun, and demanded money from the two employees. The clerks surrendered money from the cash drawer. The suspect also demanded money from the safe, but the clerks could not access the safe. The suspect then left with the cash obtained from the drawer.

The suspect is a white male, 25 to 30 years of age, 5' 7" to 5' 9" tall, 140 to 160 lbs. He was wearing a dark sweatshirt with a wide collar, a striped knit hat, black shorts that fall below the knee, white sneakers, and a gold chain around his neck. A vehicle possibly involved is a dark 4-door Honda Accord with tinted windows.

The hotel employees, a 32 year-old male and 46 year-old male, were not injured.

Information related to this incident can be reported to Det. Greg D'Elia at 302-366-7110 ext 132 or Greg.Delia@cj.state.de.us. Information can also be anonymously provided to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available. Text 302NPD and your tip to TIP411 (847411).

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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