



County Police Ink

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New Castle County Police Department

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Good, Bad and Ugly News for the Canine Unit



Corporal Paul Chickadel and Bandit

November started off as a very productive month for Canine Diablo and the rest of the canine unit. The officer tandems were responsible for a number of apprehensions, drug arrests and cash seizures. The great work and good fortune, however, turned bad in the blink of an eye on November 11th. Canine Diablo sustained a catastrophic injury while assisting officers with the apprehension of an armed suspect who had

threatened to kill his estranged girlfriend. Due to his injuries, he was hospitalized for nearly three weeks as Officer Christopher Sarnecky (and many others) suffered through an emotional rollercoaster. His condition improved, then worsened and was once considered grave before he turned the corner and made a remarkable recovery. He still has months of rehabilitation work, but his prognosis is very good.

The second tragedy to the canine unit occurred when Bandit became suddenly ill on Sunday, November 15. During an emergency exam at the University of Pennsylvania, doctors discovered that he had an inoperable brain tumor. Due to the extent of the disease and his poor health, it was determined the best course of action was to euthanize him. Bandit was put to sleep late Monday afternoon surrounded by his friends and family. He had the opportunity to work Saturday night doing what he loved to do, with the people he loved. Our thoughts are with Bandit's handler and best friend, Corporal Paul Chickadel.

The department has been overwhelmed with phone calls, emails, text messages and blog postings from people who offered their thoughts and prayers for both Diablo and Bandit. On behalf of the canine trainer Senior Corporal Mark Tobin and the rest of the handlers they would like to thank everyone for the kind comments, thoughts and prayers. They would also like to thank the staff of the University of Pennsylvania Animal Hospital for their extraordinary treatment of Diablo. A fund called, "County Pride" has set up an account for anyone wishing to contribute to K-9 Diablo's bills--- etc. The checks should be made payable to New Castle County Pride. They can be mailed to 5515 E. Timberview Court, Wilmington, DE 19808. Anyone wishing to donate to Diablo's medical bills should make a notation on the reference line of the check indicating it's for K-9 Diablo that way we can ensure it goes only to Diablo. This is a 501(c)(3) organization, donors will receive a tax benefit for their donation.



Officer Christopher Sarnecky and Diablo

Canine Bark Provokes Surrender

Matthew Hicken (24) has been arrested and charged with multiple counts of burglary related offenses after a police canine officer apprehended him as he fled from a crime scene in the community of Limestone Gardens.

On Sunday (11/15) at 11:15 a.m., County Police responded to an address in the 2000 block of Nicholby Drive for a report of an attempted burglary that just occurred.



Corporal Rago and Benny

When the officers arrived, they contacted the 35 year old homeowner who reported a tall white male subject had just attempted to break into his home.

The victim indicated he heard someone attempting to force open a lower level door at which time he looked outside and observed the subject trying to force his way into the home. The victim called 911 as the suspect walked away empty handed toward Pickwick Drive. The victim was able to provide the suspect's direction of travel as additional officers surrounded the area. Corporal Joseph Rago and his canine partner "Benny" located the male subject as he was walking along McCawber Drive. The subject turned and looked at the approaching police vehicle and began walking at a brisker pace.

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Two Charged with Shotgun Robbery

New Castle County Police have arrested two suspects for an armed robbery of a male subject who was attempting to purchase marijuana in the Cedarwood Apartments. (Newark, DE) On Saturday (11/1) at 2:22 p.m., County Police responded to 758 Christiana Road for a report of an armed robbery that just occurred. When police arrived, they contacted a 20 year old male and his girlfriend who reported they had just been robbed at gunpoint by three suspects. The victims indicated the suspects had fled in a black Acura TSX 4-door vehicle. Several officers responded to the call and began searching the area for the vehicle. Corporal Joseph Krajewski located a black Acura TSX traveling in the area of Route 273 and Route 7 that was occupied by two subjects. A computer inquiry revealed the owner (Stephanie Nesmith) had a warrant for her arrest. Corporal Krajewski stopped the car and took the two occupants into custody after learning they both had outstanding arrest warrants. Both suspects were later linked to the robbery after the victims property was recovered inside the car. The third suspect and the shotgun was NOT identified or recovered.



Corporal Joseph Krajewski

The investigation has revealed the male victim and his girlfriend had agreed to meet a male subject at the apartment complex to purchase marijuana. When they arrived at the apartment, a male subject approached them and pointed a shotgun at the male victim. The subject and two females then fled in the Acura. The suspects have been charged with two counts of robbery, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, aggravated menacing, and conspiracy.

Serial Burglar Arrested

Detectives have arrested three adults who have been linked to several residential burglaries that have occurred over the past few weeks in Newark and New Castle area communities. Since the first week of November, County Police have investigated a series of burglaries that have occurred in the Newark area. Based on information gleaned from this investigation, detectives identified three possible suspects who were residing at a residence in the 300 block of Tamara Circle in Newark. Undercover officers were able to determine the three subjects had taken a number of stolen items to local pawn shops and "Game Stop" stores. The detectives were able to recover the stolen items and link them to several victims of recent burglaries. Detectives arrested the suspects Thursday (11/12) afternoon after they had committed yet another burglary in the community of Elmwood. All of the stolen property (consisting of jewelry and electronics) was recovered from the suspect's car. The investigation has revealed the three suspects were responsible for multiple burglaries in and around the Newark and New Castle areas based on evidence that was seized during search warrants.

Robbery Suspect Disarmed, Shot by Victim

Detectives are investigating an attempted robbery and subsequent shooting that occurred in the community of Holloway Terrace. A 17 year old male, who was armed with a loaded handgun, attempted to rob a 21 old man but was unsuccessful. The victim was able to disarm the teen and shoot him twice during a struggle with the gun. The teen later called 911 and reported he had been shot by an unknown subject. On Sunday (11/8) at 8:33 p.m., County Police responded to the area of the 900 block of West Avenue for a report of an attempted robbery and shooting. When the officers arrived, they contacted a male subject who reported he had just disarmed a gunman and shot him in the torso with gun. The victim turned over the weapon to the officers who moments later received a report of a teen who reported he had been shot. The investigation has revealed the victim was walking on West Avenue when he was approached by a tall, thin, black male subject who was armed with a handgun. The subject ordered the victim to get on the ground and attempted to rob him. The victim grabbed the gun and was able to wrestle it away from the subject. During the struggle, the victim was able to fire two shots at the suspect striking him twice in the torso. The teen was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he underwent emergency surgery. No charges have filed against the victim. The teen, **Diamere Brady** (from the 600 block of E. 9th Street in Wilmington) will be charged with attempted robbery, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, and possession of firearm by a person prohibited.

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Corporal Rago then exited his car and told the subject to stop at which time he starting walking very fast. Rago warned him of a canine deployment and the possibility of being bitten as canine Benny barked and scratched at the door. After a second warning, the suspect decided to comply with the orders and laid flat on the ground. The suspect was taken into custody and linked to the attempted burglary. Officers located his car parked nearby that had items (electronic equipment) inside that appeared to have been stolen. Based on the recovered items and additional evidence, Hicken was linked to a total of three burglaries that he committed on Sunday morning. The other two crimes occurred in the community of Glen Burnie Estates and one on Duncan Road.

Students Provide Simulated Drama

Since a re-organization in 2007, the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) has worked to improve the quality of training through scenario based role playing. The original premise of the exercise was to simulate real life situations that have or were likely to occur in the field. The training was well received but lacked realism because the officers themselves would act as role players. This resulted in the officers being able to predict how others would react (as actors) to the various situations.

Team member Officer Christopher Gigliotti recognized the need to “try something different” as the training started to become stale. The idea of scenario based training was good, but it was lacking something that would make it great. He turned to a friend from his church who was friendly with a drama club teacher at the Poly Tech High School. Officer Gigliotti contacted the teacher, Sarah Crossen, who was open to the idea of having her students participate in the training as actors. On November 17, 2009, the CNT received the final component needed to make the training great.

Eight students from the drama club were chosen to participate in the exercise with the assistance of Ms. Crossen. While in class, she assigned each role to the students as if they were acting out a play. The result was some of the most realistic training CNT has had to date. During the exercise, the students remained in character, taking the situations very seriously and never broke their roles. Knowing before hand that they would be dealing with a hostage situation, the students came equipped with “props” that helped them act out their roles.



Poly Tech High School drama students assist with CNT training

The students and officers together learned a great deal about the negotiation process in a scenario that was very realistic. According to Lieutenant John Treadwell, hearing unfamiliar voices added to the stress and tension in each situation. “We are planning to include the students for future training. They were great because they were unpredictable— just like the real world.”

Father Takes Four Month Old Child on Drug Buy

Four men were arrested by County Police after officers conducted a vehicle stop on a suspicious vehicle near the Castle Brook apartment complex. On Friday, (11/20) at 1:35 p.m. Officer John Weglarz and K9 Officer Anthony Scelsi responded to the Castle Brook apartment complex (New Castle) for an unrelated incident. The officers were approached by a concern citizen who told them that he had observed a suspicious vehicle near the complex. Weglarz and Scelsi immediately responded to the intersection of Saienni Boulevard at Karen Court in the community of Beaverbrook. The officers observed the vehicle attempting to flee, and as a result, conducted a vehicle stop. During the stop, officers observed four subjects and a baby unsecured in the back seat of the vehicle. The passenger, who was later identified as **Drew Norris** (23), was unable to provide identification and was asked to exit the vehicle in order for the officers to safely identify him. He was taken into custody after it was determined he was wanted by the New Castle County Court of Common Pleas. The driver of the vehicle, **Stephan Vickers** (25), was also asked to exit the vehicle and taken into custody after it was determined he had four outstanding capiases. **Craig Anderson** (24), exited the vehicle and he too was taken into custody after it was determined he also had three outstanding capiases. When the driver side passenger, **Metreed Spruill**, (25), was removed from the vehicle officers observed one clear plastic baggy containing marijuana next to Vickers four month old son who was improperly secured in a child safety seat in the back of the vehicle. Officers checked the area and located another clear plastic baggy and drug paraphernalia on the floor behind the passenger seat. The investigation has revealed Stephan Vickers had chosen to take his son along with him and his friends so that they could purchase drugs from an unknown subject in the complex.



Officer John Weglarz



Senior Corporal Anthony Scelsi



Congratulations and best wishes to our latest retirees!



Senior Corporal Hugh Ferrill has announced his retirement effective November 2009. Hugh has been a member of the police department since May 15, 1989. After graduating from the police academy, he was assigned to the patrol division. During his tenure, he was assigned to foot patrol (Brookmont Farms with Officer Bob Norris), human resources, the criminal investigation unit (CIU) as the intelligence officer and in CIU as the gang officer. Hugh has taken a position with the University of Delaware as a police officer. He said he misses certain things about the New Castle County Police Department and was glad he didn't leave under bad terms. So far, it has been an easy transition to the U of D. According to Hugh, the benefits are great, he is not a slave to the radio and has time (on the street) to be proactive. He also enjoys mentoring the new officers.



Senior Corporal Fred Oehler has announced his retirement effective November 2009. Fred has been a member of the police department since May 15, 1989. After graduating from the police academy, he was assigned to the patrol division and was later transferred to the PAL officer in Middletown. As the PAL officer, Fred taught the GREAT and DARE programs at the Middletown High School. He was later transferred to the community services unit where he worked as a bike and foot patrol officer, Senior Roll Call, and for the Heroin Alert Team. After going back to patrol, he was assigned to the canine unit where he proudly served with his canine partner "Zara." Fred has taken a position with the Delaware Solid Waste Authority as a compliance officer. Fred says he loves his new job and is having a great time, but still misses the department as he reflects back on "a major part of my life." He said, "I have no regrets and would do it all over again if given the opportunity to work for the best police agency in the state."



Senior Corporal Christopher Shanahan has announced his retirement effective November 2009. Chris has been a member of the police department since December 9, 1991. After graduating from the police academy, he was assigned to the patrol division and was later transferred to the criminal investigation unit where he became an expert in computer forensics and computer security. Chris has taken a position with the Defense Cyber Investigation Training Academy for the Department of Defense. He teaches computer forensics and incident responses to a multitude of federal agencies. According to Chris, "My new job is awesome. There is a life away from the police department that is very rewarding. I haven't had this much fun since I was on the street as a patrol officer."



Senior Lieutenant Craig Weldon has announced his retirement effective November 2009. Craig has been a member of the police department since April 27, 1989. After graduating from the police academy, he was assigned to the patrol division. During his tenure, he was assigned to the criminal investigation unit, human resources, research and development, public information officer, community services unit and most recently as the staff executive officer. Craig has taken a position with the State of Delaware, Department of Justice, as a special investigator. He said he misses the people from the department and the comfort of knowing his job. Even though he is glum about retirement, he is excited about starting a new career while "I am still young."

Significant Crime Recap November 2009

Red Mill Farms

Sunday 11/1/09 0215

District 5-Diller

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 31 year old female victim advised that she had arrived at her boyfriend's residence on Cordele Road and observed two subjects in a car yelling at a pedestrian. The victim advised that the subject on foot then asked her for a ride to Newport. After she refused, the subject punched the victim about the face and stole her car keys and cigarettes before fleeing on foot. A suspect has been identified, but not yet arrested.

Rose Hill

Tuesday 11/3/09 1415

District 10-Street

Summary: (Reported robbery, shooting) A 23 year old male victim was walking in the area of the 100 block of Ryan Avenue when a male subject approached him. The subject brandished a silver handgun and ordered him to take off his clothing while stealing his cell phone. The suspect fled and left the victim without his clothing. Prior to running off, the suspect pointed the gun into the wooded area and fired a number of rounds.

Glasgow Pines

Tuesday 11/3/09 1855

District 11-Tackett

Summary: (Attempted robbery) A 22 year old male victim advised that he was walking home on Thornhill Drive near Strathaven Court when he was approached by two suspects. One of the suspects struck him in the head with a glass bottle and attempted to remove his wallet from his pants. The victim began yelling for help as the assault continued for a few moments before the suspects fled empty handed.

Glendale

Tuesday 11/3/09 2230

District 6-Powers

Summary: (Robbery investigation) A 36 year old male reported he had driven to an address on Cynthia Drive to visit his uncle and noticed a silver colored BMW traveling in front of him. When the victim exited his car, he was approached by a suspect who was carrying a gun and hiding in some bushes. The suspect demanded that the victim lay on the ground and then turn over his jacket, iPod, and cash before fleeing on foot.

Mayview Manor

Wednesday 11/4/09 2315

District 12-Bell

Summary: (Robbery investigation) A 25 year old male victim advised that he was driving home from Philadelphia when he got off of I495 at the Route 9 exit. In the area of Hamilton Park, he was flagged down by three females who told him that they were being chased and asked if the victim could give them a ride home. The three females then got into this car and directed him to the rear of the Rose Hill Community Center where everyone got out of the car. The victim was then approached from behind by a male subject who held, what the victim believed to be, a handgun to his head. The victim was then assaulted by a group of approximately three males who stole cash from his

person. One of the female then assisted the suspects by providing them a ride from the scene.

Gordon Heights

Thursday 11/5/09 1300

District 8-Cartier

Summary: (Reported robbery) The victim advised that he was waiting for the DART bus at the bus stop when he was approached and assaulted by the three suspects. The suspects took the victim's briefcase and fled toward Brandywine Boulevard. Officers found several potential suspects, but no arrests have been made.

Hampton Walk Apts.

Saturday 11/7/09 1830

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Robbery investigation) A 29 year old female was walking to her apartment building with her 5 year old daughter when a male subject grabbed her from behind and pulled her around the side of the building. The daughter was able to escape and run into the building as the suspect held an object, believed to be a gun, and robbed the victim of her cash. The suspect also took the victim's cell phone before fleeing on foot.

Christiana Court Apts.

Saturday 11/7/09 1945

District 1-Reda

Summary: (Attempted robbery) A 27 year old male was walking through the parking lot of the apartment complex when he was struck on the back of the head by an unknown object. A male suspect then jumped on him and started punching him about the head as he went through the victim's pockets. A second victim came out to help, but was threatened by a second male subject who was holding a 2 x 4. The suspects fled on foot and got into a car.

Hillside Heights

Saturday 11/7/09 2015

District 11-Tackett

Summary: (Attempted murder, shooting) An 18 year old male was inside his home, in the 1100 block of Greentree Road, when he heard a knock at the front door. The victim then walked outside to speak to an unknown male subject. While speaking with him, a second male approached and pointed a gun at the victim and attempted to rob him. The subject with the gun shot the victim twice before fleeing empty handed. The suspects are described as two males wearing dark colored clothing.

Holloway Terrace

Sunday 11/8/09 2015

District 10-Strett

Summary: (Attempted robbery, shooting) A 21 year old male was walking through Holloway Terrace on West Avenue when he was approached by a male subject. The subject suddenly brandished a handgun and pointed it at the victim's face. The victim then fought with the subject and was able to take the gun away. During the initial struggle, the firearm discharged. The suspect tried to take the gun back and was shot twice by the victim. He then fled the area and called 911 and tried to report that he had been the victim of an unprovoked shooting. The suspect was charged with attempted robbery and weapon related offenses. The victim was not charged in the shooting.

Lancashire Apts.

Sunday 11/8/09 2045

District 8-Cartier

Summary: (Reported robbery) Two teenage victims were walking home from the 7-11 store on Naamans Road when they were approached by a male subject who was known to them. The subject, Keith, pointed a gun at the victims and demanded they empty their pockets. Keith stole a pack of cigarettes and fled on foot. He was later identified by the victims. Arrest warrants are on file.

Amberfield Townhouses

Sunday 11/8/09 2315

District 6-Powers

Summary: (Shooting) Several patrol officers responded to the area of Three Rivers Drive near Auckland Drive for a report of approximately six gunshots. Officers responded to the scene and recovered shell casings, a baseball cap and a cell phone case. No victims were identified and no properties were identified as having been struck.

Gwinhurst

Tuesday 11/10/09 2205

District 8-Cartier

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 58 year old male parked his car at his residence in the 2200 block of Lincoln Avenue and was immediately assaulted by two suspects. During the assault, the suspect removed the victims gold ring, cash, and watch before fleeing on foot. The victim was treated and released for minor injuries at the Wilmington Hospital.

Crossgates

Sunday 11/15/09 2037

District 9-Sheldon

Summary: (Reported home invasion) Officers responded to an address in the 600 block of Tree Line Court for a report of a home invasion robbery. During the course of the investigation, it was learned that the two suspects forced their way into the victim's residence and removed property. One suspect displayed a black shotgun and threatened to shoot the victim as the other stole several items.

Fox Run Apts.

Tuesday 11/17/09 1930

District 6-Powers

Summary: (Reported robbery) Two adult victims reported they had driven a friend to the Fox Run Apartments at his request. Upon getting to the Fox Run address, the friend/suspect pulled out a black handgun and instructed them to give him all of their money. The suspect stole an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing on foot through the apartment complex. Arrest warrants are pending.

Cleland Heights

Tuesday 11/17/09 2110

District 1-Reda

Summary: (Attempted robbery) Two adult victims were working at the Cleland Heights Liquors store when three suspected entered the establishment. One stated "give me the money" as he proceeded to walk behind the counter. The female clerk stated that she had just pushed the emergency hold up button for the alarm. The male clerk then threatened/chased the suspects out of the store with a small stun device. Within 20

minutes of this robbery, another liquor store robbery occurred within the jurisdiction of the Wilmington Police. During this incident, which is similar in nature, the clerk shot the suspect prior to him fleeing.

Harbor Club Apts. Wednesday 11/18/09 0010 District 11-Tackett

Summary: (Reported robbery, assault) A 41 year old male victim was approaching his apartment on Cheswold Blvd. when he was confronted by a male suspect who instructed him to empty his pockets. The victim began physically fighting the suspect. At one point, the victim noticed that he was bleeding from his abdomen area. The victim then observed the suspect armed with a small knife who again demanded he empty his pockets. The victim turned over cash and followed the suspect who fled in a vehicle. Surveillance was set up on the residence and the suspect was apprehended.

Concord Manor Monday 11/23/09 0040 District 2-Weiner

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 74 year old female victim had just arrived home and parked her car in the driveway of her residence in the 400 block of Prospect Drive when a male subject approached her on foot. The suspect pointed a gun at the victim and asked for her purse. After surrendering her purse, another male subject came from behind her and asked if she had anything else. After indicating she had nothing else of value on her, the suspects fled toward Concord Pike in a white vehicle.

Eastburn Heights Monday 11/23/09 2135 District 1-Reda

Summary: (Reported attempted robbery) A 28 year old male victim was standing in his driveway, located in the 5800 block of Old Capitol Trail, smoking a cigarette when a male subject stopped his vehicle at the foot of his driveway. The subject got out of the vehicle and punched the victim knocking him to the ground. He then tried to get the victim's wallet from his pants, but he fought back as he was kicked twice in the side. The suspect then got back into the car and fled. The victim was treated and released from the Christiana Hospital. The suspect was reportedly driving a black Nissan sedan.

Chaddwyck Tuesday 11/24/09 2130 District 12-Bell

Summary: (Attempted robbery) A 57 year old female had parked her car on Weatherly Road and was exiting her vehicle when she was approached by three suspects. One of the suspects grabbed the victim and tried to pull her purse from her shoulder. The suspects ran off after the victim started screaming.

Brandywine Apts. Tuesday 11/24/09 2300 District 8-Cartier

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 27 year old male was waiting for his girlfriend in the parking lot (near building 2718 Jacqueline Drive) when he was approached by three male subjects. One held a gun to the victim's head and ordered him to the ground. The other suspects then searched the victim's pockets and stole his keys before fleeing on foot.

Villas Apts.

Wednesday 11/25/09 1810

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Robbery investigation) A 24 year old male victim advised that he was walking home from the gas station after getting a corn dog when a vehicle pulled into the parking lot near building 21. Two suspects exited the vehicle and approached the victim. The heavier of the two suspects brandished a handgun and removed the victim's cash, cell phone and debit card. The two suspects got back into the vehicle (gray Chevrolet Suburban) and fled the complex.

Belvedere

Wednesday 11/25/09 1912

District 1-Reda

Summary: (Possible attempted robbery) A 47 year old male victim advised that he was delivering a food order when he was waived down by the suspects who were in the parking lot of the Rock of Ages Church. One suspect yelled, "Hey, I ordered the pizza." As the victim stopped his car, the suspects approached and one pulled an unknown object out. The victim sped away and called police.

Carpenter Station Plaza

Wednesday 11/25/09 2235

District 8-Cartier

Summary: (Shooting, attempted robbery) A 24 year old male victim advised that he had responded to the Carpenter Station Plaza and parked on the side of the New York Fried Chicken to pick up his brother. A white colored Jeep Cherokee then pulled in and parked next to him, along with a dark colored Nissan Versa. The victim advised that he exited his car and was approached by a suspect who spoke to him as if he knew him. The suspect began patting his pockets while another suspect pulled out a silver revolver with a black handle. The victim fled on foot toward the Reef Bar while the suspect fired approximately three shots at him.

Richardson Park

Thursday 11/26/09 0020

District 1-Reda

Summary: (Kidnapping, assault) A 23 year old female victim advised that she and her boyfriend, Jose, had recently broken up after a long relationship. They had made arrangements to exchange property at the parkland at Atlantic Avenue and Taylor Avenue. When the victim arrived, Jose forced her into his vehicle at knife point and drove her to area of the Mill Creek Village Apartments where he assaulted her. While driving in the area of the apartments, the male subject threw the knife out of the car which was later recovered by police. The boyfriend, Jose Morales remains at large. He is currently wanted for kidnapping and related offenses.

Lancaster Court Apts.

Saturday 11/28/09 2100

District 1-Reda

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 20 year old male was outside near 29 Court Drive when he was confronted by two suspects and an additional group of males. The victim stated that "Skeez" accused him of hitting a blue Chevrolet Caprice that was parked in

front of the building. "Skeez" then struck the victim in the back with a baseball bat and knocked him to the ground. The suspects took his wallet and fled on foot.

Stoneybrook Apts.

Sunday 11/29/09 2100

District 8-Cartier

Summary: (Reported robbery) Two adult male victims had walked to the ATM and then to the Gulf station where they purchased cigarettes. While in the gas station, a suspect confronted them and asked them if they wanted to purchase drugs. The two victims declined, left the store, and began walking through the wooded cut-through toward their apartment. In the wooded area, they were again contacted by the suspect who was now with two others. The suspects asked again if they wanted any drugs and the victims again declined. The suspects then pulled out guns and robbed them of their cell phones and wallets.

Home Properties Newark

Sunday 11/29/09 2106

District 5-Diller

Summary: (Home invasion, shooting) A 24 year old male was entertaining several persons inside his apartment (Building 142) when two suspects entered. The heavier of the suspects was armed with a knife and stood back while the other suspect demanded to know "where the money was at" from the occupants in the house. During the incident, one shot was fired in the living room area of the house, however, no one was injured. The suspects were last seen fleeing on foot.

Newtown Village

Sunday 11/29/09 2250

District 7-Smiley

Summary: (Reported robbery) A 32 year old male victim was walking to work at the Wawa and talking on the phone with his girlfriend when he was approached by a group of male suspects. One of the suspects ran up to him and punched him in the face breaking his nose. The group continued to strike him as he fell onto the ground. The group of suspects fled toward Stone Drive after stealing the victim's phone and cigarettes.