



# County Police Ink

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New Castle County Police Department

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### Colonel Gregory Re-Focuses on Community Policing

As police agencies across the country are moving back toward traditional policing methods, the New Castle County Division of Police will refocus and concentrate on the most proven police technique—community policing. For the past six months, Colonel Gregory and his Staff reviewed the organizational structure of the Division of Police and had discussions about reorganizing the agency, crime reduction, and revising our weekly operational meetings. Colonel Gregory met with his staff and various representatives from each unit. Each of the three groups gathered, discussed options and presented recommendations for the reorganization. On behalf of the staff and the entire division, the Colonel thanked all who participated in the reorganization process and those who offered input, but may not have been a member of one of the committees. There was shared enthusiasm in each group and many good ideas put forth. Since the initial review began, there has been a measurable decline in economic conditions that preceded the discussions and has worsened since. While we are limited in our changes based on vacant staff positions, the police department has moved forward with key organizational realignment and transfers. The following changes have been or will soon be implemented:

Crime Analysis and Reduction Earlier this year, Crime Analysis began providing a “real-time” analysis of intelligence and information. The officers are able to provide 16-hour per day coverage supporting all operational components of the division. The weekly operations meeting has migrated to a crime trend based discussion and focuses on an analysis of past crime, identifying trends and rapid deployment of resources as necessary. Analysis officers identified our top communities based on calls for service, as well as, reported crime. This data will guide the assignment of foot patrol officers, special operations components, and TAC cars. These areas have traditionally been a burden for the patrol section and are plagued with quality of life issues. SEE COMMUNITY POLICING—page 4

### Children Recognized for Gun Safety

Colonel Gregory and County Executive Chris Coons recognized three Newark area children who found a loaded gun while playing near their yard. During an appreciation ceremony at the public safety building, the youths received certificates and challenge coins for their actions. Rather than handling the weapons, the youths did as they were taught and told an adult. On Friday (4/10) officers responded to the 300 block of Silver Run Trail, in the Pheasant Lake Townhomes, for a report of a recovered handgun. When police arrived, they contacted the 47 year old male reporting person who advised his eight year old grandson was playing behind his property and found a blue gun box near his fence line. Inside the box, police found a loaded .380 Cobra handgun. Police then searched the area and found a second loaded 9 mm Smith and Wesson handgun wrapped inside a sock that was behind the fence along a footpath. A third weapon (sawed off shotgun) was found during a more thorough search of the area. The officers reported seeing a small handle that was protruding from a plastic bag. Inside the bag, the officer found the loaded shotgun.

According to Colonel Rick Gregory, "The children who found the weapon are to be commended for not touching the gun and telling an adult. We must remind our youth to never touch any found weapons, always tell an adult and never let your friends play with guns."



Colonel Gregory presents certificates

### Robber Attempts to “Stick Up” Undercover Officers

**Henry Johnson**, an 18 year old New Castle man, was arrested after he placed a food delivery order (two cheese steaks, two orders of French fries and two bottles of soda) with a local restaurant and attempted to rob the driver—who was a county police officer.

In late March and April, County Detectives have investigated a series of attempted and actual armed (knife) robberies of food delivery drivers that have occurred in communities along the Route 9 corridor. Investigators recognized a pattern and began speaking with the management of area restaurants who offer home deliveries. The conversations paid dividends when a male subject called a local restaurant and ordered a suspicious food order to be delivered to a Simonds Drive address. Officers from patrol, detectives and the Mobile Enforcement Team established a plan to deliver the order to the suspect while maintaining a perimeter around the community. A team of police officers responded to the community in a regular car (not police car) and began driving around the neighborhood. After a few passes, the suspect stepped out from behind a truck and waived the officers down believing the car was operated by a food delivery driver. The suspect, Henry Johnson, attempted to run off after he observed the officers inside the car. He was arrested after a brief foot chase and found to have a large knife, a capped gun and other items on his possession that linked him to the attempted robbery. Johnson has been linked to a total of three attempted robberies, one robbery in the first degree, aggravated menacing, three counts of possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony and three counts of wearing a disguise during the commission of a felony.

### Stop for Window Tint Leads to Weapon Seizure, Drugs

New Castle County Police have arrested **James Collins**, a 23 year old male who resides in the 400 block of Filmore Court in Claymont. He has been charged with felony drug and weapon offenses after police stopped his car for an illegal window tint and later found a .40 caliber gun and prescription pills inside.

On Thursday (4/2) at 8:37 p.m., Officer Daryl Santry observed a vehicle traveling on Peachtree Road which had an illegal window tint. Santry stopped the car for the violation and found a male driver (Collins) and two small children (1) and (5) inside. Officer Santry discovered the driver had concealed a handgun in the trunk and a further search revealed three prescription pills in the sunglass compartment of the car. The pills were later discovered to be Percocet and Xanax. Collins was arrested without incident, but his troubles were not over. Police later searched his home on Filmore Court and found another handgun, a small amount of marijuana, and additional Xanax pills. Collins has been charged with possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, maintaining a vehicle for keeping a controlled substance, possession of narcotics, two counts of endangering the welfare of a child and operating a vehicle with an illegal window tint.



Officer Daryl Santry

### Serial Burglars Arrested, Linked to a Dozen Crimes

County Police have arrested two suspects who were witnessed by a concerned citizen lurking about the Lynnfield community in Wilmington. Officers stopped one of the suspects (who was walking in the area) and found he was in possession of items he had just stolen from a neighboring home. The two have since been linked to 12 residential burglaries. On Friday (4/17) at 12:03 p.m., County Police received a report of a suspicious person who was walking in the area of the 100 block of Carlie Road. When Corporal Vincent Harris and Officer Michael Justison arrived at the scene, they observed the male subject walking toward Homewood Road. The officers immediately took him into custody when they found he was wearing rubber gloves and in possession of a prying device. The officers also found he was in possession of a tin container full of wrapped change and \$345 in cash. While speaking with the suspect, the officers observed a suspicious white pick up truck approaching the area. The officers stopped the truck and contacted the female driver who admitted she was looking to pick up the male suspect who police had in custody. Both suspects were taken into custody and interviewed by detectives who were able to link them to recent burglaries that have occurred in the following communities: Lynnfield, Webster Farms, Gwynhurst, Holly Oak, Greentree, Arden, and Lancashire. The male suspect has been identified as **Travis Witt**, a 26 year old male who resides in New Castle. He has been charged with multiple counts of burglary and related offenses. The female suspect has been identified as **Christina Lafferty**, a 31 year old female who resides in Wilmington. The investigation remains active as detectives have recovered additional stolen property that was seized during search warrants at their homes.



Corporal Vince Harris



Officer Michael Justison

### Subject Found with Packages of Heroin in Underwear

The New Castle County Mobile Enforcement Team has arrested **Marcus Grayson**, a 19 year old male who resides in the 900 block of E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street in Wilmington. He has been charged with possession with the intent to deliver heroin and tampering with evidence after he attempted to hide 31 baggies inside his underwear. On Thursday (4/2), at 9:25 p.m., officers from the Mobile Enforcement Team received information regarding a male subject, who was in possession of heroin, walking near the Silver Springs Apartments. The officers observed the subject as he was walking in the parking lot of the nearby Pat's Pizza restaurant. MET officers deployed and took the subject into custody after a brief struggle. After he was taken into custody, police found he attempted to conceal 31 bags of heroin inside his underwear. A computer inquiry revealed the subject, Grayson, was on probation for a shooting that had occurred in Wilmington and was also wanted for violation of the probation (3) and failing to appear in court on pending assault charges.



### Mobile Enforcement Team Seizes 16 Pounds of Marijuana

**Michael Downey**, a 35 year old Newark man has been charged with trafficking marijuana and related offenses after police found a small amount of marijuana in his car. Based on the investigation, officers later executed a search warrant at his home and found 16 pounds of marijuana inside. On Friday (4/17), officers from the Mobile Enforcement Team (MET) were assigned to the Lexington Green community in an effort to address quality of life issues in the neighborhood. At approximately 3:15 p.m., the team of officers observed a vehicle with an illegal window tint traveling through the community. The officers stopped the car and contacted the driver, Michael Downey and his two daughters (ages 5 months and 10 years old). They immediately detected a strong odor of marijuana emanating from inside the car. Downey, whose license was suspended, was removed from the vehicle and found to have a small amount of marijuana on his person. Based on the investigation, MET officers obtained a search warrant for Downey's home and recovered the following items: (16) one pound packages of marijuana, a large digital scale, \$9,800 in suspected drug proceeds and drug paraphernalia. Downey has been charged with trafficking cocaine, maintaining a vehicle for keeping a controlled substance, maintaining a dwelling for keeping a controlled substance, possession with the intent to deliver marijuana, two counts of unlawful dealing with a child, tampering with evidence, conspiracy, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

### Kids Jumping in the Bed of Pickup Truck Leads to Stop, Stolen ATV

An officer, from the New Castle County Safe Streets Team, was alerted to a suspicious vehicle after hearing the driving shouting and cursing toward the rear of his covered bed of the truck. After he stopped the truck, the officer learned the driver was shouting at two children who were unsecured in the vehicle. The driver, **George Buckingham**, a 41 year old male who resides in Wilmington, was arrested after police found a stolen ATV in the bed of the truck. Buckingham was charged with receiving stolen property and failing to have two children (ages 6 and 7) properly secured in a seatbelt while traveling in a vehicle. On Thursday (4/2), Corporal Scott Twigg was patrolling the New Castle area when he witnessed a male subject exit the Dog House eatery. The subject was yelling profanities at someone inside the (covered) bed of his pickup truck before he drove off toward Boulden Blvd. Corporal Twigg followed the vehicle and discovered the male subject was shouting at two children who were in the bed of the truck. Twigg stopped the car for the violation and contacted the driver, George Buckingham and two adult passengers, Edward Kirkley and April McKinley. A computer inquiry revealed Kirkley (33) was wanted three times for various court capias and McKinley was wanted once for a capias. They were each arrested and transported to court to deal with their capias. Twigg discovered a 2002 blue Yamaha four wheel ATV in the bed of the truck that Buckingham claimed belonged to him. A computer check revealed the ATV was reported stolen from the Deptford Township Police Department in New Jersey more than two years ago. Buckingham was arrested without incident. He was later arraigned and released on a \$2,000 unsecured bail. The ATV was towed to the Collins Park Garage as police were unable to locate the owner who has moved from the last known address in New Jersey.



Corporal Scott Twigg

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Organizational Alignment

In an attempt to reduce calls for service and improve quality of life in these areas, additional walking patrols are being assigned for the summer months. Two of the top five communities are presently staffed with walking patrols, Edgemoor and Sparrow Run. The additional areas that require added coverage are Alban Park, Overlook Colony/Stoneybrook and Collins Park. Motorcycles and bicycles will be utilized as often as possible based on needs and availability of trained officers. The goals of the walking units are to reduce crime, to improve quality of life in the identified communities, and to reduce calls for service for the patrol section. The new and existing walking patrols will be coordinated and supervised by S/Sgt. Joe Fitzgerald.

Criminal Investigations Surveillance Team.

The surveillance team will be created. It will be a multi-tasking group responsible for a number of functions within the Criminal Investigations Unit. The unit will be responsible for conducting surveillance operations in areas experiencing trends in criminal activities (property crimes and some persons crimes). In addition to surveillance assignments, this team will provide high visibility crime prevention and intelligence-gathering functions in areas where serious crimes are occurring and which do not lend themselves to surveillance operations. The surveillance team will consist of three officers and will be supervised by S/Sgt. Frank Robinson. Finally, this team will also be used to assist with the execution of search warrants and the execution of arrest warrants for serious cases, as deemed necessary.

Crime Reduction Team

C.R.T is a street crimes team consisting of four officers and one sergeant from patrol that will address a multitude of community issues caused by a reduction in the quality of life in specified areas. C.R.T officers will serve for 30 days and then rotate back to their assigned squads at the conclusion of the assignment. The C.R.T. will remain assigned to patrol and coordinated through the patrol commander. This is a uniform team that operates marked, unmarked or semi-marked vehicles. Their main focus is working on quality of life issues in certain areas identified through intelligence, data and trend analysis in concert with district units and with their counterparts in the Special Operations Section. C.R.T. will conduct traffic law enforcement in identified areas, high visibility patrols in areas experiencing burglaries, multiple criminal mischief, graffiti, disorderly conduct, nuisance complaints, as well as County parkland patrols. This team will also work, at times, with the Criminal Investigations Section. C.R.T. will gather intelligence on crime trends to aid in resource deployment purposes from the Information and Analysis Unit. C.R.T. will only involve itself in street level drug arrests. As we implement this first phase of the realignment and move forward into the summer months, we will be evaluating the changes we have made. "It is our hope that we can increase our proactive efforts in preventing and solving crime, increase community contacts and overall positively impact the quality of life in New Castle County. Once again, on behalf of the staff, I want to thank all who either participated in, or offered suggestions for the reorganization. We are optimistic that we can implement additional recommended realignments in the months to come, said Colonel Gregory.

Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Bust

County Police have arrested two men for felony drug violations after officers stopped them for driving on the shoulder of the roadway just south of the City of Wilmington. After the stop, a police canine gave an indication for the presence of drugs inside the car. Officers located a small amount of marijuana and 11 individually packaged bags of crack cocaine.

On Wednesday (4/29) at 2:45 a.m., Officers Heather Carter and Christian Stamm were patrolling the Route 9 corridor, near the community of Rosegate, when they observed a vehicle traveling on the shoulder of the roadway. The officers stopped the car for the violation and discovered the registration for the vehicle had not been completed. Officer Edwin Mousley and his canine partner Quattro responded to the scene and conducted an "open air scent" search of the exterior of the car. Quattro immediately "indicated" on the presence of drugs in several locations inside the vehicle. During a search of the car, police found a small amount of marijuana and a metal canister containing 11 bags of crack cocaine inside. Police seized the vehicle (a 2000 Buick Century) and \$100 in suspected drug proceeds from the two occupants. Both men were charged with possession with the intent to deliver cocaine, maintaining a vehicle for keeping a controlled substance, and conspiracy. The occupants are: the driver, **Lesty Donato**, a 19 year old male who resides in the unit block of Ivy Lane in New Castle. The passenger was **Armando Rodriguez**, a 20 year old male who resides in the 200 block of N. Lincoln Street in Wilmington.



Officer Heather Carter



Officer Christian Stamm



Officer Ed Mousley and Quattro

## Significant Crime Recap April 2009

**Lexington Green Apts.                      Wednesday 4/1/09 1144                      District 7-Smiley**

**Synopsis:** (Shooting investigation) Two male subjects were reportedly involved in a physical altercation outside of the Clemens Building. During the fight, the two men withdrew handguns and began firing at each other as they ran in opposite directions. Police searched the area and found no reported victims who were shot. One of the suspects was arrested several days later after he turned himself in at police headquarters.

**Edgemoor Gardens                      Wednesday 4/1/09 1840                      District 8-Cartier**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 44 year old male victim responded to a residence in the unit block of S. Rodney Drive to deliver a food order. The resident paid for the food with a \$100.00 bill. After taking the food and getting change from victim, the a male suspect allegedly came from inside the home and snatched the \$100.00 bill from the victim's hands. The suspect(s) then allegedly ran back into the residence and fled out the back door. Detectives are following up on this investigation.

**Fox Chase (7-11)                      Saturday 4/4/09 1213                      District 11-Tackett**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 45 year old male clerk was working at the 7-11 convenience store located at 60 S. Gerald Drive and was on his lunch break when a male suspect entered the store. The suspect pointed a small, black handgun at him and demanded the money from the cash register. The suspect stole an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing the store on foot. The suspect's image was captured on the surveillance video which was later released to the media. He was ultimately identified and arrested after detectives received a viable crime tip.

**First State Bowling                      Sunday 4/5/09 0022                      District 8-Cartier**

**Synopsis:** (Shooting investigation) Several officers were dispatched to the First State Bowling alley for a report of a disorderly crowd. Prior to the officers arriving at the scene, at least eight shots were reportedly fired in the parking lot. When the officers arrived, they found several spent shell casings, but no apparent victims.

**Landers Park                      Monday 4/6/09 0205                      District 7-Smiley**

**Synopsis:** (Shooting investigation) Several officers responded to a home in the 200 block of Landers Lane for a "shots fired" complaint. Prior to officers' arrival, at least three shots were reportedly heard in the area. The investigation revealed that a male subject named Cody Johns had assaulted the male resident inside the home before fleeing the residence. Johns then ran outside and fired a handgun several times into the air and fled the scene in a car. Responding officers searched the area and recovered shell

casings. Johns then drove to a second address on Darlington Road, in the community of Coventry, and forced his way into the residence. Once inside, he fired at least one additional shot while his mother attempted to disarm him. Police found him inside where he was taken into custody after a brief struggle. Johns was charged with multiple felony offenses.

**Carleton Court Apts.**

**Monday 4/6/09 1319**

**District 5-Diller**

**Synopsis:** (Reported carjacking) A suspect, who has been identified as Thomas Hicks, had robbed a female victim at gunpoint before fleeing in her stolen car from Southway Drive. Several officers from the Traffic Services Unit were working a tactical traffic assignment in the neighboring Todd Estates community when they observed a green Monte Carlo traveling at a high rate of speed. The officers attempted to stop the driver for traffic violations (not knowing the car had just been stolen at gunpoint) at which time the vehicle fled. During a brief attempt to stop the car, the subject intentionally struck the front end of a police cruiser before fleeing in the community at a high rate of speed. While fleeing, the driver lost control of the car and crashed into a large tree. Thomas Hicks later died from injuries sustained in the crash.

**Oakmont**

**Monday 4/6/09 2335**

**District 10-Street**

**Synopsis:** (Reported shooting) Several officers responded to the area of the unit block of Kingston Road for a report of "shots fired." Police contacted witnesses who advised that approximately four subjects had engaged in an argument which resulted in gunfire. All of the suspects fled the area and no evidence of a shooting was located. Officers contacted the surrounding hospitals and found no victims seeking treatment.

**Buford Manlove Gdns.**

**Tuesday 4/7/09 1920**

**District 1-Reda**

**Synopsis:** (Reported attempted robbery) A 53 year old male victim, who works for Domino's Pizza as a delivery driver responded to a home in the 300 block of Manlove Place to deliver a food order. As he attempted to deliver the order, he was approached by five male subjects who were armed with a sawed off shotgun. The group fled without taking anything from the victim after he resisted.

**Woodland Trails**

**Wednesday 4/8/09 2115**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Synopsis:** (Reported attempted robbery) A 24 year old female victim reported that she had just left a relative's house after babysitting and was driving home. The victim advised that as she was stopped at the intersection of Taylor Drive and Smally's Dam Road, she observed a male suspect approach the driver's side of her vehicle. The suspected reached in through the open driver's side window and grabbed her by the hair while displaying a knife in the other hand. The suspect told the victim to get out of the car, but fled empty handed when a second car approached the intersection.

**Rose Gate**

**Wednesday 4/8/09 2344**

**District 10-Street**

**Synopsis:** (Reported attempted robbery, shooting) A 30 year old male victim advised that he was standing on his front porch (unit block of Revis Avenue) when an older model silver car pulled up. The victim stated a male subject exited the vehicle and approached him, asking if he had any marijuana. The victim stated that when he told the subject that he didn't know what he was talking about; the suspect pulled out a revolver style handgun and told him to strip. As the victim was taking off his jacket, the suspect struck him in the face/mouth area with the gun. The victim then fled on foot while the suspect fired at him. Witnesses reported hearing 3-4 gun shots before a vehicle pulled away at a high rate of speed. The victim was uncooperative with officers at the scene.

**Brookhaven**

**Thursday 4/9/09 0250**

**District 9-Sheldon**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery, assault) A 20 year old male had been visiting with some friends earlier in the day who later followed him home to his residence in the unit block of Greenbridge Road. The three suspects later assaulted the victim and removed his cash and cell phone. He sustained a broken jaw and concussion during the assault. All three suspects were later identified and arrested.

**Cedar Heights**

**Tuesday 4/14/09 2115**

**District 1-Reda**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 55 year old male food delivery driver responded to a home in the 400 block of Kiamensi Road to deliver an order. As the victim approached the residence, he was accosted by two suspects who displayed a large gun and pressed it into the victim's ribs. The suspects then took the victim's wallet and the food order. One of the suspects entered the victim's vehicle and removed cash from the center console before they both fled on foot.

**Hidden Valley Apts.**

**Tuesday 4/14/09 2145**

**District 1-Reda**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 44 year old male victim was walking home on Bonwood Road when he was approached by two suspects who asked if he wanted to buy drugs. When the victim replied no, the suspects produced a hand gun and pushed it into the small of his back. The suspects then demanded money as the victim attempted to flee. Unfortunately, the suspects caught the victim and assaulted him before stealing his wallet and dinner.

**Overlook Colony**

**Saturday 4/18/09 2345**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Synopsis:** (Shooting investigation) Two male victims were seated inside a car that was parked in the unit block of Third Avenue. While talking, they were approached by a reportedly unknown subject who fired several gunshots into the car which was struck at least four times. One victim fled as the other ducked behind the dashboard. Both victims were uncooperative with detectives.

**Whitney Towers**

**Saturday 4/19/09 2215**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 41 year old male victim was returning home after a walk when he was approached from behind by two suspects. The victim was struck in the head with what he believed to be a gun before the suspects removed his cell phone from his pocket and fled.

**Alban Park**

**Sunday 4/19/09 0255**

**District 1-Reda**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) Three male victims were sitting in their car in front of a home in the 500 block of Homestead Road when they were approached by two suspects who each displayed a handgun and demanded money. One victim was pistol whipped in the back of his head as they all turned over cash and a cell phone. The suspects were last seen as they fled in a green or blue Dodge Durango.

**Woodfield Apartments**

**Monday 4/20/09 0550**

**District 1-Reda**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 24 year old male victim was walking out to his car from his apartment to leave for work when he was approached by two suspects who displayed gray colored revolvers. The suspects held the victim at gun point while a female suspect removed items from the victim's pockets. The female, who spoke broken Spanish, then got into the victim's Chevrolet Venture van and fled with the car.

**Sparrow Run**

**Sunday 4/26/09 0055**

**District 6-Powers**

**Synopsis:** (Reported carjacking, robbery) A 29 year old male had just dropped off a friend at a home in the unit block of Egret Court and was standing by his car when he felt an object push against the lower part of his back. The victim turned around and was confronted by an unknown female who was pointing a black automatic handgun in his face. The victim, who speaks Spanish, could not understand the female but soon realized she wanted his money. Two other male subjects then approached and assaulted the victim before they fled in his car.

**Coachman's Manor Apts. Monday 4/27/09 1650**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 35 year old male responded to the Coachman's Manor Apartments to deliver a food order when he was approached by two suspects. One of the suspects struck the victim on the head with what appeared to be a handgun. The suspects then took his cell phone and fled in his vehicle. Officers located the victim's car a short time later and both suspects were taken into custody. The weapon was recovered in the vehicle and was found to be a pellet gun.

**Rockwood Apts.**

**Monday 4/27/09 2210**

**District 6-Powers**

**Synopsis:** (Reported home invasion, robbery) Two adult male victims were inside their apartment when two suspects kicked in the front door and displayed handguns. One

victim fled to a neighboring apartment while the gunmen held the other victim at gunpoint while they searched the apartment. Detectives have identified one of the suspects and issued an arrest warrant.

**Christiana Farms**

**Wednesday 4/29/09 1725**

**District 11-Tackett**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 52 year old food delivery driver had responded to a home in the unit block of Deer Run Drive to deliver a food order. After exiting his car, he was approached by a male subject who demanded his money. The victim then got back into his car and handed over the pizza after seeing a gun in the suspect's waistband. Several officers converged on the community and arrested one suspect after a lengthy investigation.

**Mill Creek Apts.**

**Thursday 4/30/09 1720**

**District 1- Reda**

**Synopsis:** (Reported attempted robbery) A 40 year old male, who is employed by Five Stars Pizza, responded to the 100 block of Scarborough Park Drive to deliver a food order. While walking to the apartment, he was accosted by two suspects and assaulted. The victim fought back and was able to get out of the building and to his car as the two suspects fled on foot.

**7-Eleven**

**Thursday 4/30/09 2107**

**District 11-Tackett**

**Synopsis:** (Reported robbery) A 26 year old female clerk was working at the 7-Eleven Store located on S. Gerald Drive in Newark when a male subject entered the business. When the clerk opened the register, the male subject brandished a knife, threatened the victim and removed cash from drawer. Surveillance video was obtained and the suspect was later identified after his picture was released to the media.