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**UPDATED/EXTENDED VIDEO  
Convicted Felon Arrested After Committing  
Armed Robbery in Victim's Vehicle**

Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara reports the arrest of Shukri M. Dunell, 25, of Newark, in connection with an armed robbery and abduction that occurred yesterday.

"I commend officers of the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct for locating the victim and quickly apprehending this armed suspect," Director O'Hara said. "These officers stopped a convicted felon from committing an armed robbery, chased him down while armed with an illegal gun in his hand, and managed to safely place him under arrest without anyone being injured. I praise the officers for their bravery and restraint, and we are grateful that this incident was interrupted before any further violence was committed by this suspect."

At approximately 11:50 a.m., police received a report of two male robbery victims being forced to drive a male suspect, who was armed with a handgun, in the victim's silver Ford pickup truck. The suspect had forced one of the victims to remove cash from an ATM located inside a store at 776 Bergen Street. Police from the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct observed the victim's vehicle and conducted a motor vehicle stop at Hawthorne Avenue and Wainwright Street. At that point, the suspect, Dunell, exited the vehicle and fled on foot.

Dunell was pursued on foot after an officer observed a gun in his hand. He was immediately apprehended, and police recovered the handgun, which was found to be loaded.

Dunell is charged with two counts of robbery, unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, possession of a large capacity magazine, certain persons prohibited from weapon possession and resisting arrest. These charges are merely accusations. This suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**Video Link: <https://youtu.be/gaSIy7Ap2ms>**



**Shukri Dunell**