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Newark Police Arrest Three Out-of-Towners for Illegal Dumping

Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara reports the arrest of David Chang, 24, of Brooklyn, Mikel A. Lopez, 23, of Englewood, and Steven Gonzalez, 25, of Union City, for an incident of illegal dumping that occurred last night.

At approximately 9 p.m., members of the Newark Police Division's Environmental Graffiti Vice Crimes Task Force observed three males tossing debris from a U-Haul truck in the area of 49-59 Riverside Avenue. The materials being removed from the truck included mattresses, wood and black industrial-size garbage bags.

The three males, Chang, Lopez and Gonzales, were immediately arrested. Each suspect faces charges of illegal dumping and illegal transport of solid waste.

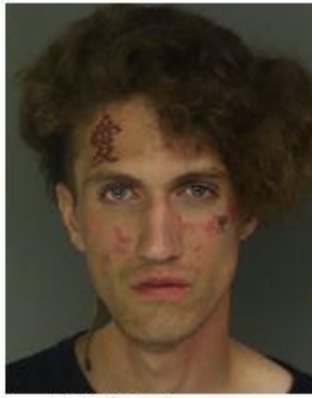
These charges are merely accusations. Each suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Director O'Hara urges anyone with information about any criminal activity to call the Police Division's 24-hour Crime Stopper tip line at [1-877-NWK-TIPS \(1-877-695-8477\)](tel:1-877-NWK-TIPS). All anonymous Crime Stopper tips are kept confidential and could result in a reward.

Anonymous tips may also be made using the Police Division's website at: www.newarkpublicsafety.org or through our Smartphone App available at iTunes or on Google Play. Search Newark Police Division to download the App.



David Chang



Mikel A. Lopez



Steven Gonzalez



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