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Police Charge Juvenile with Receiving Stolen Auto Carjacked at Gunpoint

Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara reports that a 16-year-old juvenile from Elizabeth was arrested and charged today with receiving stolen property after a Newark Police Officer called for backup when he spotted the vehicle, which had been carjacked at gunpoint in Elizabeth on December 21, 2021.

“I salute the officer, who was alert, for his quick thinking and decisive action once he learned that the vehicle had been carjacked,” Director O'Hara said. “What he did by calling for back up units and keeping an eye on the suspects, led to an arrest of the juvenile and the vehicle being recovered without incident.”

The officer was on patrol in the South Ward when he saw a Toyota Rav 4 with a young driver and two adults. A license plate check determined that the vehicle had been carjacked the day before in Elizabeth. The officer, while keeping a safe distance, followed the vehicle into a shopping mall near Lyons Avenue and Fabyan Place.

The officer called for backup when all three males got out of the vehicle and entered a sneaker store. When the backup units arrived, the officers went inside the store and detained the three males. The juvenile driver was charged with receiving stolen property and the adults were released. The incident is still under investigation.

Director O'Hara urges anyone with information about criminal activity to call the Police Division's 24-hour Crime Stopper tip line at 1-877-NWK-TIPS (1-877-695-8477). 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.newarkpd.org or through our Smartphone App available at iTunes or on Google Play. Search Newark Police Division to download the App.



Recovered Stolen Car