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Police Interrupt Armed Robbery Recovering Two Loaded Handguns

Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O’Hara reports the arrest of Shaquan M. Burr, 22, and Tajir Branch, 22, both of Newark, after police interrupted the suspects robbing a victim at Hobson Street and Bragaw Avenue yesterday.

“I commend the detectives for spotting a crime as it was occurring and immediately taking the appropriate actions to safely apprehend these individuals,” Director O’Hara said. “Because each suspect was armed, this incident could have quickly resulted in violence.”

Just before 8:30 p.m., detectives observed a male lying on the ground and being assaulted with a handgun by a male suspect while a second suspect was removing the victim’s shoes. Upon becoming aware of police presence, both suspects ran, with Burr tossing a handgun and a vest he was wearing onto the street. He was quickly apprehended. Police recovered the .9MM handgun, which was loaded.

Branch was arrested at the scene and was also found in possession of a loaded .9MM handgun.

Burr and Branch each face charges of conspiracy, robbery, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, unlawful possession of a weapon, and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

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



Shaquan Burr



Tajir Branch