



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Graffiti Vandal Arrested by NPD and UDPD on 162 Charges

Ongoing graffiti investigations by the Newark Police Department Street Crimes Unit have led to the identification and arrest of Felix J. Smith of Newark for his role in graffiti vandalism throughout the City of Newark and University of Delaware Campus resulting in thousands of dollars of vandalism. The investigation resulted in a January 2nd search warrant of Smith's home where evidence was located linking him to the crimes.

As a result of the investigation, Smith has been linked to graffiti vandalism in 58 locations throughout the City of Newark and an additional 13 locations on the University of Delaware Campus, resulting in over \$8,100 in damaged property. Smith was arrested on January 10th, 2013 by members of the Newark Police Department and University of Delaware Police Department for the below offenses and released from custody pending his appearance in Alderman Court #40 in late January.

Defendant: Felix J. Smith (DOB 01/24/94)
90 Dallas Avenue
Newark, DE 19711

Charges:

Offense	Newark PD	UDPD	Totals
Graffiti	58	14	72
Possession of Graffiti Implements	58	13	71
Trespassing	4	13	17
Theft		1	1
Underage Possession of Alcohol	1		1
	121	41	162

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The arrest of Smith is the latest in the Newark Police Departments ongoing investigation into the identification and arrest of graffiti vandals. In the past two years NPD have arrested 34 such vandals.

The Newark Police Department are reminding business owners and home owners to promptly report graffiti vandalism to the police, and once it is documented, the graffiti should be removed.

Anyone with additional information on graffiti vandalism in the City of Newark should contact Cpl. Greg Micolucci at 302-366-7110 ext. 406 or via email at greg.micolucci@cj.state.de.us

Anyone with additional information on graffiti vandalism on the University of Delaware Campus should contact Officer Michael Baez at (302) 831-2224 or via email at baez@udel.edu

You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

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