

# Troopers Investigating Attempted Armed Robbery – Newark

**Newark (19702)**- The Delaware State Police are investigating the report of an attempted armed robbery that occurred in the Christiana Mall parking lot last evening.

On March 9, 2019 at approximately 6:50 p.m., Troopers responded to the Christiana Mall parking just outside of the AT&T store for a report of a robbery. It was learned that two victims, a male and a female, had agreed to meet a subject in the mall parking lot to purchase a 2011 Kia Optima. Two suspects arrived in the Kia and met with the victims in the parking lot. The two victims entered the front seats of the Kia when both of the suspects sat directly behind them. One of the suspects proceeded to pull out a handgun demanding money. A struggle between the male victim and suspect ensued, while the female victim was able to flee from the vehicle. A short time later, the male victim was also able to flee and the suspects fled the scene in the Kia Optima. The suspects did not obtain any money from the victims. Both victims were uninjured as a result of this incident.

The suspects were described as black males in a Maroon Kia Optima sedan.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident are asked to contact Troop 6 Cpl/3 Flowers at 302-633-5000. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or

have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@state.de.us](mailto:debra.reed@state.de.us).

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