



PINE HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE



INCIDENT:	Aggravated Assault on Police Officer Carjacking	DATE/TIME:	09/03/2012 2019
LOCATION:	350 Blackwood-Clementon Road	CASE #:	2012010010

On September 3, 2012 at 8:19pm Pine Hill Officers were dispatched to the Country Farms Market at the intersection of Blackwood-Clementon Road and W. Branch Avenue for the report of a shoplifting. Responding Officers began checking the area for the suspect who had fled the convenience store. A Pine Hill Officer located a male matching the description provided by Central Communications in the area of the 300 building in the Greens at Pine Hill complex (350 Blackwood-Clementon Road). The suspect fled from the Officer, over a chain link fence and across Blackwood-Clementon Road into the Birches Apartments. The Officer pursued the suspect and attempted to take him in to custody, at which time the suspect assumed a fighting stance and aggressively confronted the Officer. Despite deploying pepper-spray and utilizing his baton, the Officer was unable to take the suspect into custody.

The suspect again fled from the Officer back into the Greens at Pine Hill, at which time he attempted to enter the Officer's marked Patrol Unit. The Officer continued to deploy his baton in an effort to prevent the suspect from taking possession of the Patrol Unit. The suspect violently resisted arrest and attempted to strike the Officer, while attempting to take possession of the vehicle. The suspect accelerated the engine and sped off in the Patrol Unit, causing the Officer to jump out of the way to avoid being struck.

The suspect fled in the Patrol Unit at a high rate of speed through the Greens at Pine Hill, striking community mailboxes and a large dumpster, at which time the Patrol Unit left the roadway, entered a wooded area and struck a tree. The suspect then fled into the wooded area to the rear of the complex. Officers from Pine Hill, Lindenwold and Clementon located the suspect in the area of the 400 building and he continued to violently resist. He was ultimately taken into custody and the Patrol Unit was secured.

Dionell L. Johnson, 36 years of age from Clementon was charged with Shoplifting, Obstruction of Justice, Resisting Arrest, Eluding, Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer, Carjacking and Failure to Submit to Fingerprinting. He was also wanted out of Philadelphia, the Camden County Prosecutor's Office and DRPA for violent crimes. Johnson was remanded to the Camden County Correctional Facility without bail on the outstanding warrants after being treated for his injuries. Bail for the crimes related to this incident was set at \$180,000.00 full cash.

The Pine Hill Officer was treated for minor injuries and released. The patrol unit was taken out of service due to the damage sustained during the incident.

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INVESTIGATING OFFICERS	Sgt. Smuda, Ptl. Kramer, Ptl. Heron
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