



# Neptune Township Police Department

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## Man Arrested in Machete Attack

(Neptune, NJ) - The Neptune Township Police Department responded to the 1100 Block of Heck Ave. at 8:28 pm on 1/19/17 for a reported large fight involving approximately 20 people. Police arrived on scene and were unable to locate any actors. At the same time two adult males arrived at Jersey Shore University Medical Center with serious but non-life threatening wounds. It was discovered by police that the wounds were a result of the fight at the aforementioned location by a subject who wielded a machete. The first victim was stabbed in the leg and back, while the second subject suffered a large avulsion to the upper arm. Both victims remained at the JSUMC in stable condition.

Through further investigation, Neptune Township Police identified the accused as Nico Durant, 18 years old of Neptune.

At approximately 2:00 am, Neptune Township Police Officer Lay located Durant operating a vehicle on W. Lake Ave. Durant was taken into custody at that time.

Durant has been charged with two counts of Aggravated Assault, Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Use and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. He will be transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution where he will await a bail hearing.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, they are urged to contact Det. N. Taylor of the Neptune Township Police Department, at (732) 988-8000 x415 or you can leave anonymous tips through Monmouth County Crime Stoppers at (800) 671-4100 or text "Monmouth" and your tip to 274637.

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