Reputed Blood Gang Member Apprehended

A reputed gang member wanted for an armed carjacking was apprehended today by Essex County sheriff’s officers.
Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that Officers Dennis Kihlberg and Abner Osorio were on routine patrol shortly after noon when they spotted a burgundy 1997 Chevrolet Lumina with license plate number WWC 7WC on Irvine Turner Boulevard. The vehicle was reported as being carjacked by an armed suspect on September 5, 2009 at Shanley and Avon avenues.

Sheriff Fontoura said that the officers activated overhead lights and siren in an attempt to pull the carjacked vehicle over.

The suspect, however, fled south on Irvine Turner Boulevard and west on Avon Avenue. As the suspect vehicle passed a double-parked car at Treacy Avenue and Rose Terrace, it moved right, slowed down and rammed into the right side of the sheriff’s marked unit as it passed the double-parked car.

The suspect, 26-year-old Quawi Brown, also know as Quadir Johnson, Aka Ski and Tarik Trutt, of Seymour Avenue attempted to run from the scene but was captured by Officers Kihlberg and Osorio.

As a result of today’s incident, Brown is charged with two counts of aggravated assault on police officers and one count each of eluding police, resisting arrest and receiving stolen property. Brown was previously charged by Newark police with carjacking.
Sheriff Fontoura said Brown is a member of the Bloods street gang and a convicted felon and parole violator who has numerous previous arrests on weapons, drug and robbery charge.

“For many years, Mr. Brown or whatever name he is currently using has been a menace to our community,” Sheriff Fontoura noted. “Hopefully, he will have a long, long time to reflect upon his criminal behavior while in prison.”

Newark municipal court previously set bail for the carjacking on Brown at $300,000. The suspect was lodged in the Essex County Correctional Facility where he awaits arraignment in criminal Central Judicial Processing court.