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**NEWS RELEASE**

**County Executive Commends Quick Work of New Castle County Police in Beating Case**

County Executive Tom Gordon commended the quick work of New Castle County Police Chief Colonel Elmer Setting in assigning detectives to the case of a mentally disabled young man beaten by teenagers recently, helping in the arrests of three teenagers.

“To see how this young man with a mental disability was stripped of his human dignity by cruel and heartless teenagers plunged me into a kind of depression to begin this week,” County Executive Tom Gordon said. “However, the quick work of our New Castle County Police patrol and detectives to zero in on the perpetrators assuaged my despair.

“I also want to commend the outpouring of support shown to this young man by many people on social media,” he said. “I would just urge everyone to let justice take its course and not engage in any vigilante justice. Trust me, I know how you feel. But we’ve already made three arrests.”

Colonel Setting said he hoped the quick work of his detectives to arrest these teenagers served as a warning to anyone thinking about bullying innocent people.

“The message is that we’re going to lock you up right away if you engage in criminal activity such as this,” Colonel Setting said.

New Castle County Police are still actively investigating this incident and believe more arrests could be forthcoming. The incident took place a few weeks ago but the NCCPD found out about it recently through social media.

The victim, meanwhile, was reportedly treated for his injuries and released.