

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
August 2017

Significant Events:

On the following dates/times Elsmere Bureau of Police officers handled the below incidents and seized the following drugs, money and/or weapons.

July 2017:

This month the police department hired two additional part-time police officers. Officer R. Elliott Singleton worked for New Castle City Police Department for seven years and resigned to pursue a career in the private sector and Anthony Fortino worked for New Castle County Police Department for three years and resigned to work full-time for the National Guard.

July 20, 2017:

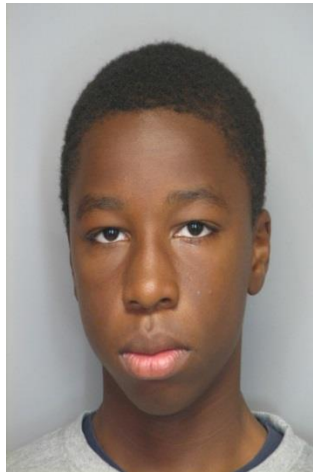
LATE NIGHT FOOT PATROLS CATCH BURGLARS IN THE ACT

On Thursday, (07/20/2017) at 3:00 am, PFC Giles and PFC Wingate were conducting foot patrol along Maple Avenue. While in the area of Maple Avenue and Tamarack Avenue, officers observed two suspects breaking in to parked vehicles. Officers hid behind parked vehicles and continued to watch the suspects from a distance. When the suspects reached Maple Avenue, the officers quickly emerged and took them in to custody before they could had a chance to flee. The suspects were identified as 20-year-old Michael Sanders of the 2600 of Bowers Street, Wilmington and 18-year-old Nijir Lee of the 1900 block of Prospect Road, Wilmington. Officers located stolen property on both suspects and both were charged with the following; Night Prowling, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, Trespassing 3rd Degree, Burglary 3rd Degree, and Theft. Both suspects were released on \$2000.00 unsecured bail and ordered to have No Contact with the entire Town of Elsmere.

While Officers did check the area for any apparent break-ins, the total number of vehicles burglarized by the suspects on the above night is not known. Any persons who finds that their vehicle was targeted on that date and can identify any property missing should report the incident to the Elsmere Police. This can be done by calling the New Castle County Non-Emergency Line at 302-573-2800, or email PFC Giles at john.giles@cj.state.de.us . In the email please include your name, address, vehicle description, where the vehicle was parked on that date, and a description of missing property. An Officer will then contact you back.



Michael Sanders



Nijir Lee

July 19, 2017

NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEILLANCE CAMERA CATCHES BURGLAR IN THE ACT

On Wednesday, July 19, 2017, PFC Wingate responded to the 100 block of Ohio Avenue for a residential burglary. The estimated value stolen from the residence was valued over \$2,000.00. PFC Wingate was able to identify a suspect due to a neighbor having surveillance cameras, which captured Defendant Tyler Wilson from the 200 block of East Greenbank Road, Wilmington, gaining access into the residence.

Wilson was arrested and charged with Burglary 2nd, Theft, Theft By False Pretense and Selling Stolen Property. He was arraigned by Justice of the Peace and released on \$6,000 unsecured bail.



July 27, 2017:

OFFICER ATTEMPTING TO RENDER MEDICAL AID TURNS IN TO DRUG DEALING ARREST

On Thursday, July 27, 2017, PFC John Giles was clearing an incident in the area of the Elsmere Police station. PFC Giles noticed a vehicle parked in the neighborhood with a subject slumped over the center console and stopped to check on the subject who was later identified as Terrance Caldwell of the 2500 blk. of N. VanBuren Street, Wilmington.

While approaching the vehicle, PFC Giles noticed a cap of a syringe near the driver side door. Several attempts were made to get the attention of Caldwell from outside the vehicle with no success. Fearing Caldwell could be suffering from a medical emergency; PFC Giles opened the door and attempted to awaken Caldwell. While awakening Caldwell, PFC Giles observed him grab his waistband and grasped an unknown object. Caldwell was patted him down for officer safety and a folding knife, 1.9g crack cocaine packaged for sale, 52 bags of heroin and \$300+ in suspected drug proceeds.

Caldwell was charged with Possession of a Controlled/Counterfeit Substance with the Intent to Distribute (x2). He was released on \$20,000.00 unsecured bail.

On Wednesday, June 7, 2017, PFC Wingate observed a subject carrying a black trash bag, which was producing an alarm sound echoing across Kirkwood Highway. PFC Wingate initiated a pedestrian stop and S-1 was identified and resides in the unit block of Todds Lane, Wilmington. S-1 was found to be in possession of six pairs of Nike sneakers still with tags and alarms on them, valued at approximately \$375.00. DSP retail

theft unit responded to the scene and took possession of the property and charges are pending his investigation.



July 27, 2017:

On Thursday, July 27, 2017, at approximately 6:45 pm PFC West and Ptlm. MacDowell assisted New Castle County PD with a robbery that had just occurred in Westover Hills. An NCCPD officer was checking the area and located a person matching one of the suspect's descriptions. When the officer attempted to stop the suspect, the suspect drew a firearm from his waistband and fired at the officer. The officer returned fire and a foot pursuit ensued. Ptlm. MacDowell was the first unit to the officer and assisted in taking the suspect into custody. PFC West arrived shortly after and advised responding units the direction of travel of the two suspect still at large.

Neither the officer nor the suspect was injured during the incident. The two additional suspects were taken into custody without incident by Wilmington PD.