

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
June 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.

May 2, 2017:

On Tuesday, May 2, 2017, Cpl. Davis and Ptlm. MacDowell responded to the area Corpus Christi Church for a suspicious person. Upon checking in the area, officers located Jeffrey Gruwell of the 100 block of Oak Hill School Road, Townsend standing next to a Silver 2014 Nissan Altima. A wanted check revealed that Gruwell was wanted by Smyrna Police Department for several thefts, criminal impersonations and for stealing the Nissan Altima.

The next day several residents reported that their vehicles had been broken into and items stolen from same. A search warrant for the recovered Nissan revealed the stolen items from the Elsmere thefts.

Def. Jeffrey Gruwell was charged with Burglary (3 cts), Theft (3 cts) and Trespassing (3 cts) and received \$4,002.00 secured bail.

May 4, 2017:

Lt. Gregg Shelton visited Richey Elementary School, Room 102 for a special community helper visit. Lt. Shelton talked to the students about being a police officer and how police help and protect their community. The students learned about the protective uniforms, the special equipment we use, and the necessary skills needed if they decide to be a Police Officer when we grow up. The students even got to listen to Lt. Shelton's radio as calls were coming in!

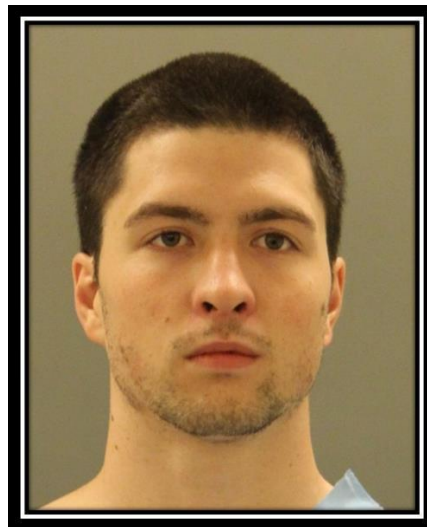


May 8, 2017:

On May 8, 2017, Colonel Bond of the New Castle County Police Department held a news conference announcing the arrest of Daniel M. Santucci, Jr. in connections with the April 6th abduction and sexual assault of a 4-year-old girl from the community of Village of Plum Run.

During Colonel Bond's news conference, he acknowledged the Elsmere Bureau of Police for providing investigators with the lead that ultimately led to Daniel Santucci as the primary person of interest.

Daniel M. Santucci, Jr, of the 600 block of New Road in Elsmere, was charged with first-degree attempted murder, first-degree kidnapping, unlawful sexual contact with a person under 13 years old, and possession of child pornography. He was arraigned and committed to Howard Young Correctional Institution after failing to post \$1,076,000 cash only bail.



Daniel M. Santucci Jr