

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
September 2019

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 26, 2019:

TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO DRUG DEALING AND FIREARM ARREST

On July 26, 2019, Cpl. Giles stopped Charles Blackshear, a 35 year old male from the 1300 block of Sycamore Avenue (Elsmere) for a traffic violation. During the investigation, it was learned that Blackshear was wanted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for an incident related to the straw purchase of a firearm that had not been recovered. Also during the investigation, the officer located 12 grams of powdered cocaine, 54.7 grams of marijuana, and a Taurus .40 caliber handgun. Further examination of the firearm revealed that Blackshear had obtained it illegally by means of a straw purchase. Blackshear was charged with Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited, Possession of a Deadly Weapon While Possessing Drugs, Possession of a Counterfeit Substance, Possession w/intent to Distribute Cocaine, Possession w/intent to Distribute Marijuana, Turning a Moving Vehicle w/out Giving Proper Signal. Blackshear was turned over the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to be arraigned on the active warrant.



July 29, 2019:

LAW ENFORCEMENT IMPERSONATOR ARRESTED

On July 29, 2019, Detective Sowden began investigating reports of a law enforcement impersonator who was harassing employees at a business located on B&O Lane. During the course of the investigation, Detective Sowden was able to identify Teddy Torres, a 66-year-old male from the unit block of Kullen Drive in Newark, as the impersonator. During the course of the investigation, officers were able to locate the police related items that Mr. Torres had used while impersonating an officer, as well as additional police equipment and firearms.

Teddy Torres was charged with Criminal Impersonation of a Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, EMT, or Fire Police, Possession of Body Armor During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Criminal Impersonation of a Public Servant for Benefit, and Harassment. Mr. Torres was released on \$15,000 UNSECURED bail as well as a No Contact Order with the Victim and the Town of Elsmere.



August 14, 2019:

RV BURGLARY – THEFT OF A FIREARM AND VALUABLE COINS

On August 14, 2019, officers responded to Stokes Garage for a report of a burglary of a firearm and valuable coins were stolen from an RV. Det. Sowden checked with local pawn shops and found where a large amount of valuable coins had been pawned. Det. Sowden was able to develop a suspect within a week and currently has felony warrants for the suspect.