

**ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Monthly Report**  
**October 2020**

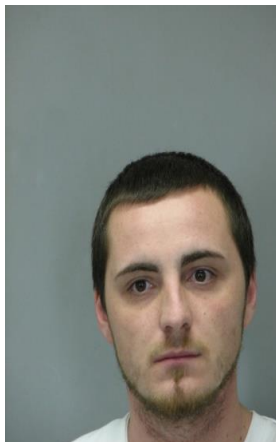
**Significant Events:**

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

**August 23, 2020:**

**Suspicious Death Ruled A Homicide**

On August 23, 2020 the Elsmere Police Department was alerted to a possible homicide with the deceased subject being hidden somewhere in the Town. Through a coordinated effort with New Castle County Police Detectives, the investigation led to a residence in the 1300 block of Cypress Avenue. A search warrant was executed at this residence and the body of the Victim was located. The Delaware Division of Forensic Science has ruled the death a homicide. Through various investigative steps, Ryan Geary, 36 of Newport was identified as a prime suspect. On September 24, 2020 after an extensive investigation, warrants were signed charging Geary with Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Strangulation, and Selling Stolen Property. Geary is currently incarcerated out of State on unrelated charges. This is still an active investigation, and anyone with information is encouraged to contact Detective Sowden at 302-998-1173 ext. 208 or via e-mail at [scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us](mailto:scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us), or Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333. You can ask to remain anonymous.



**September 12, 2020:**

### **Awesome Gift Bags!**

On Saturday, September 12, 2020, Faith and her father delivered awesome gift bags for every officers! It was a kind and welcome gesture and we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness!!

Faith is pursuing attending the Delaware Military Academy and is seriously considering a future career in law enforcement. Thank you so much for spending your time and energy supporting your community.

You will be successful in anything you do!!!



**September 17, 2020:**

### **Domestic Dispute Leads to Stabbing**

On Thursday, September 17, 2020, Det. Sowden responded to St. Francis Hospital regarding a stabbing that may have taken place at Maple Walk Apartments. The investigation revealed that the 22 year-old male victim was stabbed by his estranged girlfriend in the 1400 block of Maple Avenue.

Det. Sowden executed a search warrant at the residence and located the scene and the weapon. Lavoejah Nelson (23) of the 1400 block of Maple Avenue was charged with Assault 1<sup>st</sup> and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony. Ms. Nelson was released on \$40,000 unsecured bond.

**September 20, 2020:**

## **Two Subjects Shot**

On Sunday, September 20, 2020 at approximately 8:45 hours Elsmere Police and New Castle County Police responded to the unit block of Tamarack Avenue for a shooting. Upon arrival officers located one male subject that was suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to Christiana ER where he was later released.

Approximately two hours later another male victim responded to the Christiana ER by private vehicle suffering from two gunshots to his lower extremities. This victim was also later released. Both male victims are in their early 20's.

We are asking anyone with any information to please contact Det. Scot Sowden at [scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us](mailto:scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us) or (302) 998-1173 ext. 208 or contact the Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.