

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
January 2021

Significant Events:

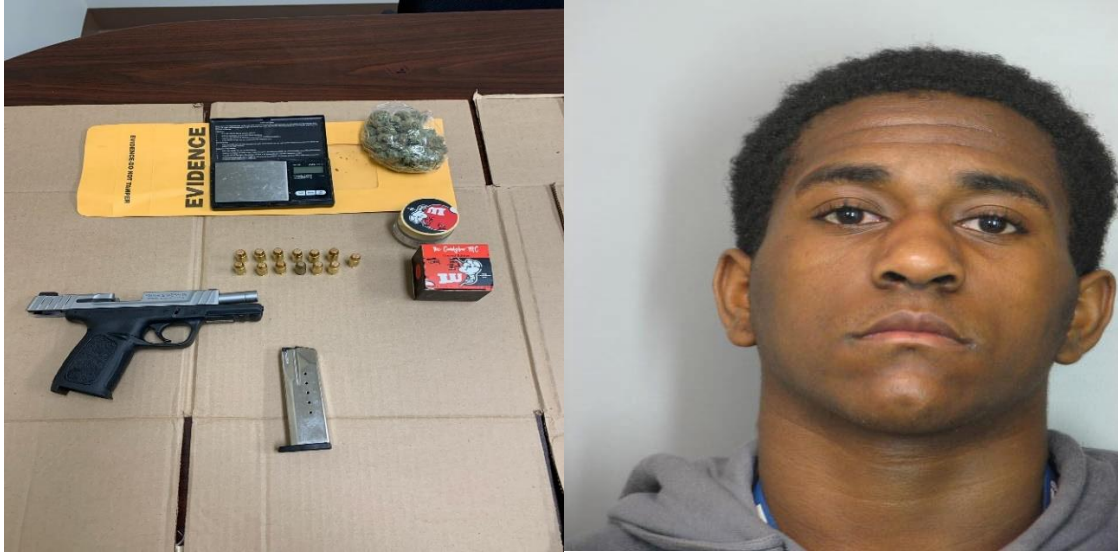
On the following dates/times Elsmere Bureau of Police officers handled the below incidents and seized the following drugs, money and/or weapons.

December 04, 2020

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN FIREARM
ARREST

On Friday, December 4th 2020, Elsmere Officers responded to the intersection of N. Dupont Rd. and New Rd. for a motor vehicle collision with injuries. The crash investigation revealed that Kevin Potts (a 22 year old male from the 1600 block of Bonwood Rd.) was operating a white Chevrolet Cruze South on Dupont Rd. at a high rate of speed. As he approached the intersection of New Rd. Potts failed to stop for a solid red signal. At that same time a blue Chevrolet Equinox was traveling East on New Rd. and entering the intersection with a solid green signal. Potts' vehicle struck the Equinox causing injuries to the occupants. Potts was not injured. Also during the investigation Ofc. Linde found that Potts was in possession of a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson pistol while also concealing 21.3 grams of marijuana and a digital scale in his sock. Delaware law prohibits the possession of a firearm while also possessing a controlled substance.

Kevin Potts was charged with Possession of Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Possession of Marijuana, Failing to Drive at Speeds Appropriate for Conditions, Failure to Stop at a Red Light, and Failing to Wear a Seatbelt. Potts was released on \$5,100 unsecured bond. The occupants of the Equinox were transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.



December 05, 2020:

Stolen Vehicle From Domino's Parking Lot

On Saturday, December 05, 2020 officers were dispatched to the 500 block of Kirkwood Highway for a stolen vehicle from the Domino's parking lot. Det. Sowden was able to identify one of the juveniles from the video footage. A search warrant of the juvenile's residence recovered the victim's keys. The juvenile was arrested for Motor Vehicle, Conspiracy 2nd, Theft Under \$1,500 and Theft of Prescription Medication. The juvenile received \$5,000 unsecured bail and released to his parent.

December 19, 2020

TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO FIREARM ARREST

On Saturday, December 19, 2020, Officer Linde observed a vehicle displaying fictitious tags traveling West on Kirkwood Hwy. while entering the Town of Elsmere. As Officer Linde was preparing to conduct a traffic stop, the driver/defendant, 22-year-old Tavian Hunter from the unit block of Monterey Drive, Newark DE, attempted to abandon his vehicle in the intersection of Kirkwood Hwy. and DuPont Road.

Officer Linde had defendant HUNTER return to his vehicle where he was observed reaching under the driver's seat. A search of the vehicle resulted in locating a loaded 9mm custom pistol concealed under the driver's seat and 22 grams of marijuana.

Hunter was arrested and charged with: Fictitious Registration Plate, Resisting Arrest, Possession of a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Tampering with Evidence and other traffic violations. He was committed to Howard Young Correctional Center in lieu of \$15,504 Cash Bail.



December 28, 2020

STOP LEADS TO ARREST OF WANTED SEX OFFENDER

On Thursday, December 28, 2020, Ptlm. Linde was conducting stationary traffic enforcement in the area of Kirkwood Highway and Spruce Avenue when he observed a white Lexus sedan traveling at a high rate of speed. The Ptlm. Linde conducted a traffic stop and contacted the occupants of the vehicle. While conversing with the occupants Ptlm. Linde was able to determine that the one passenger had provided false information. Through his investigation Ptlm. Linde was able to identify the front passenger as James Dupree, a 49-year-old male from the City of Wilmington. Further investigation revealed that Dupree was wanted by the Wilmington Police Department for being Registered Sex Offender Failing to Register his Address. Additionally, Dupree had an outstanding warrant for Unlawful Sexual Contact with a Victim Less than 13 Years of Age. Dupree was turned over to the Wilmington Police Department for the active warrants.

