

**ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Monthly Report**  
**May 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.

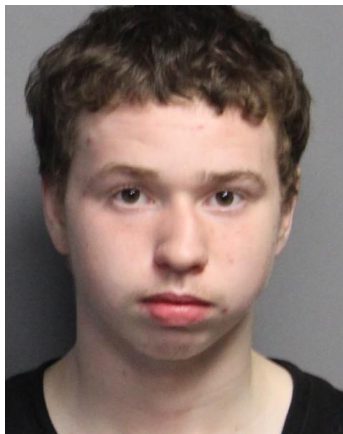
**April 1, 2021:**

**Assault – Sanders Road**

On Thursday, April 1, 2021 at approximately 3:30 pm, officers responded to an assaulting involving Defendant Joshua Smith of the 100 Block of Fenwick Street, Wilmington and two other unknown males. The defendant (Smith) and the two other unknown males assaulted the manager of a local establishment on Sanders Road and fled the area.

At approximately 5 pm, Ptlm. Rosa responded to a criminal mischief complaint in the unit block of Rigdon Road and was able to identify the Defendant (Smith) on the Ring Doorbell camera.

Def. Smith was arrested at his residence without incident. He received a no-contact order with the Town of Elsmere.



Joshua Smith

**April 12, 2021:**

### **Arrest of Indecent Exposure Suspect**

On March 24, 2021, Det. Sowden responded to the 1400 block of Kirkwood Highway (Serpes Bakery) parking lot for a report of a male subject exposing himself to female customers. Det. Sowden was able to identify the suspect as Alfonso Oseguera of the 2100 block of Kirkwood Highway. Def. Oseguera was arrested and charged with Indecent Exposure 2<sup>nd</sup> and Lewdness.



Alfonso Oseguera

**April 9, 2021:**

### **ELSMERE POLICE EARNS STATE ACCREDITATION**

Completes Long and Arduous Process to Meet More than 100 Standards

ELSMERE,DE- The Elsmere Police Department became the seventh police agency to earn State accreditation through the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission (DPAC).

“The State accreditation process raises the standards for our law enforcement agencies and sets the bar for excellence,” said Safety and Homeland Security Secretary Nathaniel McQueen Jr., who is also the DPAC chair. “We commend the Elsmere Police for dedicating their time and energy towards meeting the more than 100 standards set forth by their peers.”

The Elsmere Police Department, led by Chief Laura Giles, spent months working to meet the numerous standards as required by (DPAC). In 2008, DPAC formed to develop State standards as it relates to technical support, operations support and training support for local police agencies. Accreditation improves officer and public safety, addresses high-risk management issues, promotes operational efficiency through policy development, enhances the reputation of the agency, thereby attracting the best-qualified candidates for employment and increases public trust and confidence.

“I would like to thank the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission (DPAC) for their guidance and assistance in helping us navigate the accreditation process. I would like to recognize our accreditation managers during this process, Jake Morento and Jerry Bryda. They truly helped us through the process and made it seem effortless. However, I am most indebted to Lt. Shelton. He has worked tirelessly on this project,” said Chief Laura Giles.

“I would like to thank Secretary McQueen for his leadership in getting the accreditation process moving forward in the State of Delaware,” said Chief Laura Giles.

“I am proud that our department has accomplished this goal. The department has met all the standards and best practices in policing today. Becoming State Accredited means that your peers have recognized your agency, and will insure that our department continues to have the most current policies and best practices so that we can serve our community to the best of our ability,” said Chief Laura Giles.

Ofc. Joshua Rosa ceremonial swearing in was postponed to today due to COVID-19. The swearing in was officiated by Mayor Eric Thompson with Ofc. Rosa’s family members present.



**April 9, 2021:**

## **Ceremonial Swearing In of Ptlm. Rosa**





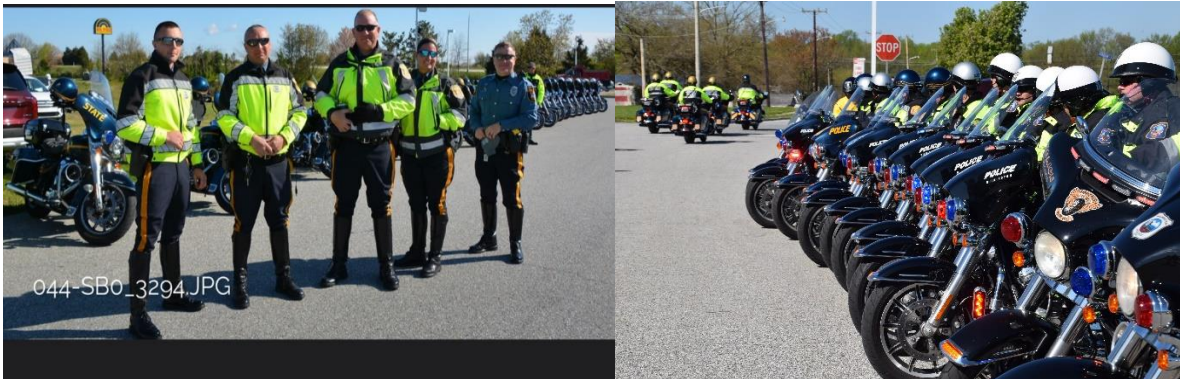
**April 18, 2021:**

### **Special Olympics DE – Ride to the Tide**

The 14th Annual Ride to the Tide benefiting Special Olympics Delaware (SODE) was held at Rommel Harley-Davidson in Smyrna, Delaware.

The event drew 303 motorcycle drivers plus another 127 passengers. The 52-mile journey from Rommel Harley-Davidson to Love Creek Elementary School in Lewes raised awareness and resources (\$15,500+) for SODE athletes. The support of local law enforcement ensured that all who participated were safely escorted from start to finish.

The law enforcement agencies that participated were Smyrna Police Department, Delaware State Police Motor Unit, New Castle County Police Department Motor Unit, Wilmington Police Department Motor Unit, Newark Police Department Motor Unit, Elsmere Police Department Motor Unit, and Dover Police Department Motor Unit.



**April 23, 2021:**

### **Home Invasion Suspect - ARRESTED**

On Friday, April 24, 2021, Henry Rivera of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was extradited to Delaware today regarding charges from last May's home invasion in the unit block of Tamarack Avenue. Def. Rivera was charged with Home Invasion 1<sup>st</sup> and other related charges and was issued a bail of \$104,500 cash only as well as a no contact order with the victim's. Def. Rivera was committed to the Howard Young Correctional Facility after failing to post bond.

