

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
August 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.

July 26, 2021:

Wawa Robbery

On Monday, July 26, 2021, at 0706 hours, the Elsmere Police responded to the Wawa located at 915 New Road for the report of a robbery with a weapon that had taken place. The white male suspect entered the store before walking up to a clerk and advising that he had a gun and wanted all the money in the register. After taking the money from the cash register the suspect fled the scene. Detective Sowden was able to positively identify the subject as David Brainard, 42, of the 200 block of Brookside Avenue in Brack-Ex. On Tuesday, July 27, 2021, surveillance was established at Brainard's residence and he was observed getting in to a vehicle. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle and Brainard resisted arrest before being taken in to police custody. When taken in to custody, Brainard was in possession of 20 bags of heroin, which he had been attempting to conceal.

A search warrant was executed at Brainard's residence, and evidence was located directly linking him to the robbery at the Elsmere Wawa.

As a result of the robbery at the Wawa, Brainard was charged with Robbery 1st Degree and Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony. For his actions during the traffic stop, Brainard was charged with Resisting Arrest and Possession of a Controlled Substance. At the time of his arrest, Brainard also had active warrants for Shoplifting and for Violation of Probation.

Brainard was arraigned on his charges and was issued \$110,000 cash only bail and was turned over to the Delaware Department of Correction.

The Elsmere Police would like to extend their appreciation to the New Castle City Police Department for their assistance with this investigation.

Based on evidence that was obtained during this investigation, it is believed that Brainard might have committed additional robberies in the Elsmere area. If you have any information regarding other robberies that Brainard was involved in recently please contact Detective Sowden at 302-998-1173 ext.208 or via e-mail at scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us. Tips can also be left with Delaware CrimeStoppers at 800-TIP-3333



July 28, 2021:

Drug Seizure

The result of drug investigation, officers made the following seizure:

- 10 lbs. of marijuana
- 524 vials of THC liquid/juice
- 110 packages of THC sour patch candy
- 188 packages of pre-rolled marijuana cigarettes
- 100 THC vape cartridges
- 27 THC cereal bar edibles
- 117 grams of Psilocybin mushrooms
- 80+ jars of THC wax
- 2 large jars of THC distillate liquid
- 2 vacuum sealers
- Bulk packaging equipment

The investigation is ongoing.



July 31, 2021:

Lemonade Stand

On Saturday, July 31, 2021, Lyla Jones opened her own Lemonade Stand. Lyla's father Chris said it was a huge success and thanks everyone for their support!

