

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
April 2022

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.

March 6, 2022:

Suspect Arrested In Stolen Car

On March 6, 2022 at approximately 2315 hours, Officer Linde observed a Ford Fusion commit several traffic violations in the area of Ohio Ave and Kirkwood Highway. A traffic stop was conducted and the operator of the vehicle was identified as ONIEL SAENZ-VARGAS, 22 of Newark. While speaking with the operator, Officer Linde observed several signs of deception and criminal activity. Through investigative measures, Officer Linde was able to determine that the vehicle had been stolen from the Route 13 area. The vehicle's owner was contacted and it was learned that the vehicle had not been reported stolen yet. SAENZ-VARGAS was then placed under arrest and charged with the following:

- 1) Theft of a Motor Vehicle
- 2) Driving without a Valid License
- 3) Failed to remain within a single lane
- 4) Failure to signal 300ft continuously
- 5) Failure to have a registration plate light

SAENZ-VARGAS was arraigned on his charges, and was released on \$1,200.00 UNSECURED bail.



March 8, 2022:

Juveniles Arrested After Stealing Motor Vehicle

During the course of the past two weeks, the Elsmere Police Department has seen a rise in motor vehicle thefts. On March 8, 2022, another motor vehicle theft took place. With the assistance of Probation and Parole and the New Castle County Police Department, the stolen vehicle was located in a parkland in New Castle. When Officers attempted to make contact with the vehicle, it fled, and after a brief pursuit 3 juvenile suspects were arrested in the area of Delvin Terrance. One of the suspects, a 12 year old from Elsmere, was able to be connected to three separate motor vehicle thefts that had taken place. As a result of the investigation, a 12 year male from Elsmere was charged with the following:

- Three Counts of Theft of a Motor Vehicle
- Three Counts of Conspiracy 2nd Degree
- Resisting Arrest
- Disregarding a Police Officers Signal
- Theft Under \$1,500
- Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device
- Failure to Signal
- 2 Counts of Driving at an Unreasonable Speed
- Driving without Valid License
- Aggressive Driving
- Reckless Driving

The 12 year old was committed to the NCC Detention Center on \$50,000 secured bond

A 13 year old male from Wilmington was charged with:

- Theft of a Motor Vehicle
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree
- Resisting Arrest

The 13 year old was committed to the NCC Detention Center on \$31,000 secured bond

A 12 year old male from New Castle was charged with:

- Theft of a Motor Vehicle
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree
- Resisting Arrest

The 12 year old was released on \$3,300 unsecured bond

The Elsmere Police Department would like to take this opportunity to again ask residents to make sure they are locking their car doors and are not leaving spare keys to the vehicle inside of it.

If anyone has any additional information on this investigation, please contact Detective Sowden at 302-998-1173 ext. 208.