

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
August 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.

July 3, 2022:

On Sunday, July 3, 2022, New Castle County RECOM issued several BOLO's regarding a vehicle that was stolen in Chester, PA and currently tracking in Delaware. The locations included Naamans Road., Society Drive., and Interstate 95. New Castle County PD and Delaware State Police checked those areas with negative results. At approximately 9:30 pm, Cpl. Frey noticed an update that the vehicle was now tracking in the area of Seneca Road and S. Grant Avenue in Elsmere. EPD and NCCPD officers responded to the area of Silverbrook Gardens and search for the vehicle. Cpl. Frey located the vehicle parked across from McDonalds and occupied by two suspects. Two juveniles were apprehended inside of the vehicle wearing all black clothing and full face masks. A search of the vehicle resulted in locating a loaded .22 caliber pistol was located inside of the glove box. Subjects were taken to EPD for processing.

July 17, 2022:

On July 17, 2022, at approximately 6:20 am Cpl. Frey responded to the Elsmere WAWA for the report of a subject refusing to leave the property. WAWA employees advised the officer that a subject, later identified as Ruben Bautista, was asked to leave the store several times before Police were called but refused. Cpl. Frey contacted Bautista who was still loitering in front of the business and informed him that he was trespassing and no longer allowed on the property. Bautista became disorderly and refused to identify himself. The officer attempted to de-escalate the situation by informing Bautista he would just be issued a written warning and released. Bautista refused to cooperate with the warning process which led to the officer informing him that he was now under arrest. While attempting to place Bautista in custody he physically resisted causing an injury to the officer's leg. The officer deployed his departmentally issued Taser which was ineffective. Bautista was able to remove the Taser probes from his body and ran back in to the store. He barricaded himself inside while several employees and customers were present. Assisting officers were able to enter the store through an adjacent door and

placed Bautista under arrest. While attempting to place him in to a Police vehicle Bautista continued to physically resist and became extremely disorderly. While being evaluated by an ambulance at the scene B Bautista attempted to kick EMT's and officers. Bautista falsely identified himself as Mike BROWN numerous times however, Cpl. Frey was able to determine his true identity which revealed that he had several active warrants for his arrest:

Ruben Bautista was charged with:

Criminal Trespass 3rd (Misdemeanor)

Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor)

Criminal Impersonation (Misdemeanor)

Hindering Prosecution (Felony)

Resisting Arrest w/Force that Injures Peace Officer (Felony)

He was committed to Howard Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$5,100 secured bail and issued a No Contact Order with Elsmere WAWA. The injured officer was treated and released.



July 31, 2022:

On Sunday, July 31, 2022, at 10:45 pm Cpl. Frey observed a 16-year-old male juvenile (identity withheld) operating a bicycle at night without a front lamp/light in the area of Kirkwood Hwy. and Forrest Ave. The Officer attempted to stop subject who immediately fled for several blocks. The Officer was able to apprehend this subject in the area of Beech Ave. and Second Ave. without further incident. During the arrest Cpl.

Frey recovered a loaded 9mm untraceable firearm (commonly referred to as a ghost gun) that the subject had concealed inside of a bag/fanny pack. Also concealed inside of the bag were a black facemask and 2 grams of marijuana. Through the investigation it was learned that the defendant is a prohibited felon as a result of a previous illegal firearm conviction in 2021.

The 16 year old defendant was charged with:

Possession of an Untraceable Firearm (FELONY)

Possession of a Deadly Weapon by Person Prohibited Also Possesses a Controlled Substance (FELONY)

Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Juvenile Previously Convicted of a Violent Felony (FELONY)

Possession of a Handgun by a Juvenile (FELONY)

Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited being an Adjudicated Delinquent (FELONY)

Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Firearm (FELONY)

Possession of Marijuana Under 18 (Misdemeanor)

Resisting Arrest (Misdemeanor)

Bicycle In Use at Night without a Lamp/Light (VIOLATION)

Fail to Give Hand and Arm Signals (VIOLATION)

Curfew Violations (TOWN ORDINANCE)

The defendant was issued \$76,500.00 cash bail and committed to the New Castle County Detention Center.

