

**ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Monthly Report**  
**November 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.

**TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO 11 CAPIAS ARREST**

**October 7, 2022:**

On Friday, October 7, 2022, at approximately 1:00 am. Ptlm. Rosa observed a red 2005 Chrysler Pacifica, in the area of New Road and DuPont Road. The vehicle displaying a Pennsylvania license plate which belonged on a 2002 Hyundai sedan. Ptlm. Rosa conducted a traffic stop where the driver provided a factious name. A finger print scanner was able to positively identify the driver as Skyler Mulford. Def. Mulford was found to have a total of eleven (11) court capiases for numerous charges. Def. Mulford did also possess a warrant from Delaware State Police Troop #1 for theft of a motor vehicle.

Def. Mulford was also charged with the following:

- 1.) Criminal impersonation
- 2.) Failure to have insurance identification
- 3.) Fictions registration
- 4.) Operation of an unregistered motor vehicle
- 5.) Failure to signal continuously not less than 300ft
- 6.) Turn vehicle at an intersection other than directed

Def. Mulford was arraigned on Ptlm. Rosa's charges, court capias, and DSP's warrant for vehicle theft and issued a total of \$11,750.00 secured bail. Def. Mulford was committed to Howard Young after failing to post bail.



Skyler Mulford

## **TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO DRUG ARREST**

On Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 8:40 pm, Detective Giles conducted a traffic stop in the area of Milltown Road and Yale Road for a vehicle that failed to signal a turn. During the roadside interview with the occupants, criminal activity was suspected, and a probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted. A search of the vehicle revealed 4 bags of powdered cocaine weighing 2.8 grams and 2.2 grams of marijuana. The driver of the vehicle, Edgar Tovar, 32, of Elsmere was arrested for Turning a Vehicle Without Giving Proper Signal and Possession of a Counterfeit Controlled Substance. Tovar was issued a Criminal Summons and released from custody. The passenger, Oscar Gonzalez, 33, of Wilmington was charged with Possession of a Counterfeit Controlled Substance and Civil Marijuana Possession. Gonzalez was also found to be wanted out of New Castle County Family Court on an outstanding Capias. Gonzalez was issued a Criminal Summons for his drug charges and was arraigned by J.P. Court 11 on his Family Court Capias. Gonzalez was released from custody after posting bond.

## **EQUIPMENT VIOLATION RESULTS IN WEAPONS ARREST AND FUGITIVE APPREHENSION**

On Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at approximately 0225 hours, Officer Linde conducted a motor vehicle stop in the area of Union Street and Prospect Road for an equipment violation. Upon approaching the vehicle, Officer Linde noticed a baseball bat with twelve screws exposed as well as an 18.5 inch machete on the floorboard next to the

driver. The driver then attempted to provide false information about his identity, but was unable to provide a consistent statement. A consent search of the vehicle produced information that provided the true identity of the driver, Michael Paulino, 62, of Gardner, Kansas. It was learned that Paulino had a lengthy criminal history, including several violent felony convictions. Paulino was placed in custody and was charged with the following:

- 1) Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony
- 2) Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited, Prior Violent Crime
- 3) Provide False statement to Law Enforcement with intent to delay/hinder investigation of a felony
- 4) Criminal Impersonation
- 5) Driving While Suspended or Revoked
- 6) No License Plate Border or any portion thereof shall be covered with any tinted material

Paulino also had an extraditable warrant from Kansas for DUI/Tampering with Electronic Evidence.

Paulino was arraigned by J.P. Court 11 and was issued a bail of \$66,101.00 CASH ONLY bond. Paulino was unable to post bond and was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution.



Michael Paulino