

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
April 2023

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 10, 2023:

Legacy Motorcycle Club Donate Stuffed Animals

On March 10, 2023, members of the Iron Legacy Motorcycle Club provided the Elsmere Police Department with an assortment of stuffed animals. These stuffed animals will be distributed to the Officers of the Elsmere Police Department to be used to help children who are upset or in crisis.



March 23, 2023:

**HOME HEALTH CARE WORKER ARRESTED FOR
STEALING FROM CLIENTS**

On March 23, 2023, Elsmere Police arrested Aline Lopez-Romero (21) of Newark following a felony theft investigation that began in Elsmere. Detective Sowden learned that Lopez-Romero was stealing from the clients who she was employed to care for and then selling the stolen property for her own personal gain. Lopez-Romero was charged with one count of Theft Over \$1,500 Where the Victim is 62 Years or Older, two counts of Theft Under \$1,500 Where the Victim is 62 Years or Older, and one count of Selling Stolen Property Over \$1,500. Lopez-Romero was arraigned on her charges via Justice of the Peace Court and released on her own recognizance. If you have any further information regarding this investigation, please contact Detective Sowden at 302-998-1173 ext. 208 or via e-mail at scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us.



Aline Lopez-Romero

March 25, 2023:

Skimming Device Located Inside ATM

On March 25, 2023, Elsmere Police Department was notified by an M&T Bank that an electronic skimming device was located inside the ATM out front of M&T, 1309 Kirkwood Hwy. We encourage those using any ATM to pull on the card slot and keypad areas for any loose devices. Customers should also look for any aftermarket cameras that may have been placed to capture a user's PIN. These cameras could be anything from a piece of plastic trim with a small hole directly above or next to a keypad, or a brochure/flyer holder placed near the key pads. There should not be folders/bins for holding paperwork, small lights, lose trim or any other items near the key pads and screens.

At this time it appears that M&T Bank caught the scam before any customers had used the ATM. If you have been a victim of theft or fraud please contact the Elsmere Police Department by calling 911 or the non-emergency # (302) 573-2800.



March 26, 2023:

On Sunday, March 26, 2023, Def. Raymond Zecca was arrested and arraigned for another outstanding burglary warrant. Def. Zecca was released on \$6,100.00 unsecured bail and ordered to have No Contact with Pyramid Learning Academy.



Raymond Zecca