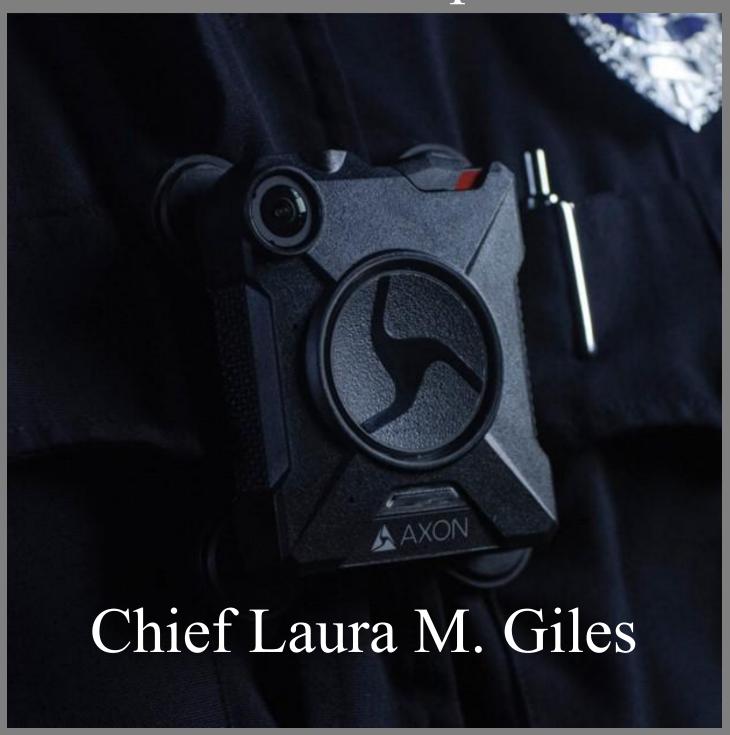
# Elsmere Bureau of Police 2023 Annual Report



## Elsmere Bureau of Police 2023 Highlighted Events

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# 2023 Organizational Chart

# Elsmere Bureau of Police 2023

**Organization Chart** 

Chief of Police

Laura Giles

Lieutenant

Gregg Shelton

Sergeant "A" Squad

Stephen Smith

Admin. Assistant

Linda Sommermann

Sergeant "B" Squad

Philip Young

"A" Squad

M/Cpl. Kevin Kerrigan

Cpl. Roman Franzone

PFC Joshua Rosa

"B" Squad

S/Cpl. John P. Giles

Cpl. Zachary Linde

Ptlm. Thomas Maddams

"Detective Unit"

M/Cpl. Scot Sowden

Part-Time Officers

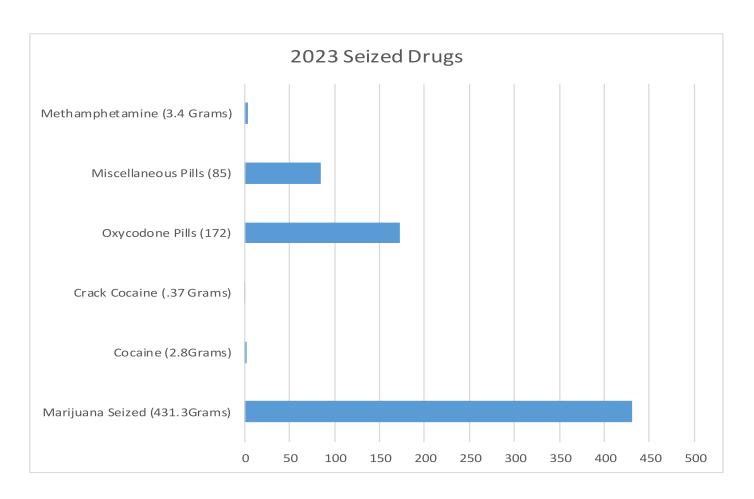
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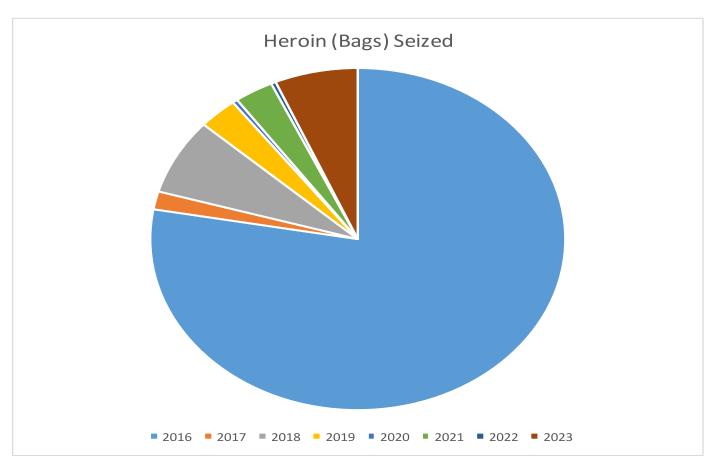
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Deacon David DeGhetto

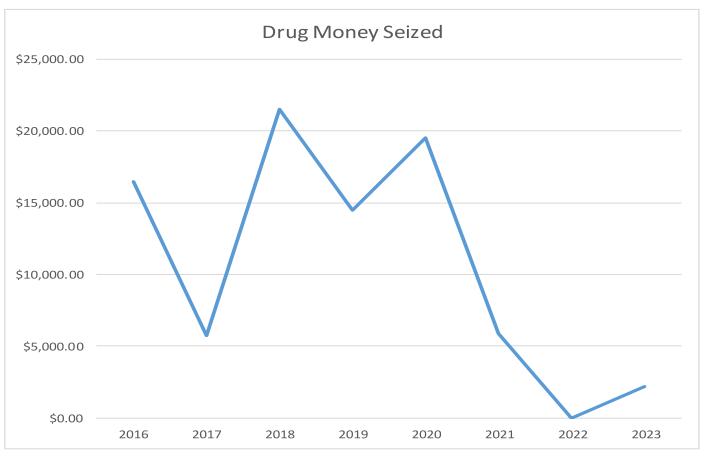


2023
Highlighted
Events









#### 2023 HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

#### Suspicious Behavior Result In Heroin Seizure

On Saturday, January 7, 2023 at approximately 1015 hours, PFC Linde observed the driver of a 2011 Chevrolet Traverse actin in a suspicious manner in the area of Ruth Road and Chestnut Avenue. A traffic violation was observed, and PFC Linde pulled over the driver. The driver was identified as 48-year old Robert Deysher of Wilmington. During the stop, Deysher continued to act in a suspicious manner. A search of the vehicle yielded 278 bags of heroin inside the vehicle as well as an additional 150 bags of heroin located in another compartment in the trunk.

Finally, 13 additional bags of heroin were located on Deysher himself. This totals 441 bags of heroin seized. Deysher was taken into custody and charged with the following:

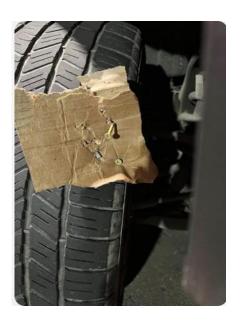
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Manufacture/Deliver/Possess with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance
- Traffic Violation





#### **Safety Alert**

Over the past week, the Elsmere Police Department has received reports that someone is intentionally placing debris or devices along roadway in the Town in a deliberate attempt to damage vehicles and tires. The photograph attached is an example of the devices that are being used. Please pay extra attention around your vehicle to make sure you do not fall victim to this activity. If you have experienced any of this behavior, please contact Detective Scot Sowden at 302-998-1173 ext. 208 or via email at <a href="mailto:scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us">scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us</a>.



#### Sgt. Smith - Congratulations on 20 Years of Service

Sgt. Smith was honored at the Town of Elsmere Council Meeting on February 9, 2023 for 20 years of service with the Elsmere Bureau of Police. Congratulations and Thank You for your years of service to the community!!!



#### Hit & Run Accident Leads to Drug Arrest

On February 18, 2023 at approximately 1:20 am, Ptlm. Rosa and S/Cpl. Giles responded to the area of Maple Avenue and Bungalow Avenue for the report of a hit and run accident. S/Cpl. Giles located the suspect vehicle in the area of Dover Avenue and Birch Avenue. Contact was made with Taliyah Taylor (27) of New Castle. While conducting the accident investigation, illegal narcotics were observed in open view inside the vehicle. As a result, a probable cause search was conducted and officers located the following:

161 doses of Oxycodone pills

41 doses of Atropine pills

23 doses of Buprenorphine strips

2 doses of Percocet pills

\$2,173.00 of US Currency

Based on the investigation, Taylor was charged with Possession With the Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, 3 counts of Possession the Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Controlled Substance and multiple traffic violations.

Taylor was committed to Baylor Correctional Institution after failing to post \$14,800 secured bond.





#### **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 iOn Sunday, March 26, 2023, Def.



#### **Burglary Warrant**

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.



#### 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.



#### **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.

#### **Domino's Robbed**

On April 2, 2023, at approximately 11:00 pm, officers responded to a robbery in progress with a weapon at the Domino's (500 Block of Kirkwood Highway). The suspect is described as a black male (pictured above entered the store and removed a black in color handgun.) The suspect had the employees to get on the ground and instructed the manager to take him to the safe.

The suspect fled on foot towards Baltimore Avenue. Officers conducted a property check officers located a witness. The witness observed a suspect matching the description of the suspect running westbound on Baltimore Avenue.



#### Juvenile Shot in Linden Avenue Park

On April 12, 2023, at approximately 6:00 pm, officers responded to Linden Avenue Park for a shooting that had just taken place. A fifteen year-old male victim was located with a gunshot wound to his right leg and transported to AI DuPont Hospital where he is listed in stable condition. A vehicle and two homes on Linden Avenue were also struck by gunfire. Witnesses state a dark color SUV pulled up on Birch Avenue and several suspects with ski masks exited and entered into the parkland where the shooting then took place.

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.

#### Police Seeking Assistance In Home Invasion/Homicide

On Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 0100 hours, Elsmere Police responded to the unit block of Elsmere Boulevard in Silverbrook Gardens for the report of a shooting that had just taken place. Officers learned that two subjects forced their way in to the apartment and shot the 31-year-old Victim once in the chest before robbing a second Victim and fleeing the scene. The 31 year old gunshot Victim was later pronounced deceased at a local hospital. It was learned that the suspects fled on foot towards Rodman Road and at the same time a silver in color pickup truck also turns on to Rodman Road. It is not believed that the pickup truck is associated with this crime, however the occupant may have information to provide police regarding suspect information. If you were in the area of Elsmere Boulevard and Rodman Road around 1:00 AM on Sunday, April 16, 2023 and were operating the pickup truck in the photographs or have any other information related to this crime, please contact Detective Sowden at 302-668-3014 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us">scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us</a> or contact Delaware Crime Stoppers at 800-847-3333. You can opt to remain anonymous.



#### **Elsmere PD Assists NCCPD With Domestic Shooting**

On April 19, 2023, New Castle County PD officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Lorewood Avenue, in Elmhurst for a reported domestic with a weapon. This incident was upgraded to a shots fired incident, where it was reported that the female victim's boyfriend had shot the female and fled the residence. Elsmere Officers, S/Cpl. Giles, PFC Linde and Ptlm. Rosa responded to the incident quickly to assist with clearing the residence and securing the area so that medical personnel could respond in to assist the injured victim. Elsmere PD officers then provided assistance with setting up a perimeter to contain the suspect. The incident came to a successful resolution when S/Cpl. Giles PFC Linde observed a subject matching the description of the suspect walking through Scarborough Park Apartments. Your officers were able to detain the subject, confirmed that this was the suspect from the shooting, and located a firearm suspected used in the incident.

The suspect's quick apprehension is a direct result of both agencies' officers ability to cohesively work together to apprehend a felon off our streets and make our community safer!

#### **Angersteins Burglary**

On April 24, 2023, officers responded to Angersteins for a late reported burglary that occurred in the warehouse located at 315 New Road. The warehouse was ransacked and numerous items were stolen, including two chop saws. Throughout the investigation, CURTIS MOORE from 600 Block of Baltimore Avenue, Elsmere became the

Upon further investigation, the security camera footage captured the burglary. The Defendant was apprehended by New Castle County Police and turned over to Elsmere. Defendant (CURTIS MOORE) made full confession.

Def. Moore was charged with Burglary and other related offenses. The Def. Moore was released on unsecured bail with a no-contact order with Angersteins. All stolen items have been recovered in this incident.

#### M & T Bank Robbed

On May 15, 2023, at approximately 1200 hours, the Elsmere Police Department responded to the M&T Bank located at 1309 Kirkwood Highway for an armed robbery. Upon arrival, officers learned that the suspect entered the bank wearing a disguise, displayed a handgun and demanded money.

Through investigative measures, Joshua Haines of the 100 Block of Linden Avenue in Elsmere was developed as a suspect. With the assistance from the Wilmington Police Department's SWAT Team and the Newport Police Department, a search warrant of his residence was executed. During the execution of the warrant, officers recovered evidence linking Mr. Haines to the robbery, along with separate armed robbery that occurred in the City of Wilmington a week prior.

Mr. Haines was arrested and charged by both the Elsmere Police Department and the Wilmington Police Department with Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony, Wearing a Disguise during the Commission of a Felony, and Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon a Firearm. Mr. Haines was committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution after failing to post a cash bail of \$230,000.

#### Ptlm. Thomas Maddams

On June 15, 2023, Ptlm. Thomas Maddams graduated from the New Castle County Police Academy. Ptlm. Maddams also received the award for Academic Excellence.

Det. Sowden, S/Cpl. Giles, Lt. Shelton, Ptlm. Maddams, Chief Giles, Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Young

#### Pedestrian Violation Leads to Arrest of Sex Offender

On June 25, 2023 at 0220 hours, Officer Linde observed a subject disobey a pedestrian signal in the area of Kirkwood Highway and Ohio Avenue. A stop was initiated for the violation, and after attempting to give several false names, the subject was positively identified as Myron Conyer, 39, of Wilmington. It was discovered that Conyer is a Tier 2 Sex Offender, and was wanted by the New Castle County Police Department for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. Conyer was taken in to custody and transported to the New Castle County Police Department for arraignment. Conyer received a \$1,000 Secured Bond and was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution after failing to post bond.



#### **Suspicious Juvenile Arrested For Night Prowling**

On June 29, 2023, at approximately 11:55 pm officers responded to the 200 Block of Linden Avenue, for a reported suspicious person complaint. The Reporting Person stated that she observed two juveniles with ski masks walking past their house. The juveniles started to flee on foot down Linden Avenue towards Dover Avenue once they saw the RP. The one juvenile was reportedly grabbing at the area of his waistband. Officers were able to locate the juveniles in the area of the 900 block of Dover Avenue, at which point one juvenile did flee on foot towards Birch Avenue and quickly apprehended.

Both juveniles were identified as local residents. One juvenile was in possession of two bags of heroin and both possessed ski masks and latex gloves.

1<sup>st</sup> Juvenile was charged with Loitering (night prowling) and Town curfew violation. The juvenile was issued a summons and released to an adult.

2<sup>nd</sup> Juvenile was charged with Loitering (night prowling), Town curfew violation, Possession of a controlled substance and Resisting Arrest. The juvenile was released on \$1,000.00 unsecured bail and released to an





#### Elsmere Man Arrested on Attempted Murder Charge

On July 18, 2023, Elsmere Police began to investigate a domestic related assault that took place in the area of Elsmere Boulevard and Rodman Road. As a result, of the investigation, warrants were secured for Damiere Watson, 31, of the unit block of Elsmere Boulevard on charges of Attempted Murder 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Strangulation, Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. On July 31, 2023, Watson's location was discovered and with the assistance of Homeland Security, as search warrant was executed, and Watson was taken into custody without incident.

Watson was arraigned on the above charges and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$655,000 cash only bail.

#### Homicide In the 900 Block of S. Grant Avenue

On September 16, 2023 at around 4:10 AM, the Elsmere Police as well as the New Castle County Police were dispatched to the area of 900 S. Grant Avenue in Elsmere for the report of a subject laying on the sidewalk. Upon arriving, officers determined the victim had been shot multiple times and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Anyone who has any information is asked to contact Delaware Crime Stoppers <a href="http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/">http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/</a> or contact the Elsmere Police Department Attn. Det. Sowden at (302) 998-1173 x 208.

#### Narcan Save

On September 18, 2023, Detective Giles observed a gray pickup truck blocking a bus stop on Kirkwood Highway near Filbert Avenue. Further investigation revealed that the driver was unconscious and slumped over the steering wheel. At this point, the vehicle began travel eastbound on Kirkwood Highway. Detective Giles was able to drive in front of the vehicle and got it stopped. This action prevented the pickup truck from crossing into the opposite lanes of travel on Kirkwood Highway. The operator of the pickup truck was removed from the vehicle. At this point, the operator stopped breathing and CPR was performed. Corporal Linde arrived on scene and administered two (2) doses of Naloxone. The operator began to breathe on his/her own again and was transported to the Wilmington Hospital for further treatment.

#### **Burglary Spree**

On Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at approximately 0305 hours Elsmere PD officers responded to Jack's Country Maid, 2400 Kirkwood Hwy, to assist DSP with an in-progress burglary of the business. Elsmere PD officers arrived first and observed the front door glass shattered. Officers held the front of the business and waited for additional units to arrive. As Troopers arrived, Elsmere officers received a call for a armed home invasion in the at 500 block of Kirkwood Highway.

Elsmere PD officers cleared the Jack's County Maid burglary incident and responded to the 500 block of Kirkwood Highway incident. Upon arrived officers found the front glass door shattered. The victim informed officers that the suspects were no longer on scene. Surveillance video shows two suspects (photo attached) use a crowbar to smash the front glass door and enter the business. The video shows these were the same suspects from the Jack's Country Maid burglary. Anyone who has any information is asked to contact Delaware Crime Stoppers <a href="http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/">http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/</a> or contact the Elsmere Police Department Attn. Det. Sowden at (302) 998-1173 x 208.



#### **Attempted Homicide Suspect From Maryland Apprehended**

On October 15, 2023. M/Cpl. Kerrigan and Sgt. Smith were dispatched to 400 Baltimore Avenue (Bark Park) for a report of a suspicious person/vehicle. Upon arrival on scene, officers located a black SUV parked in the far back end of the lot. A check of the vehicle registration revealed the vehicle was reported stolen out of Maryland. Officers located Nathan R. Kratz (23) of Maryland hiding inside the vehicle.

Further investigation revealed that Nathan R. Kratz was wanted out of Baltimore, Maryland for Attempted Murder 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Dangerous Weapon - Intent/Injure and Motor Vehicle Theft. Def. Kratz was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court and was committed to Howard Young Correctional Institute until he can be extradited to the State of Maryland.



#### <u>Abduction – Domestic Related</u>

On Wednesday, October 19, 20223, at approximately 1:05 PM Elsmere Police responded to the area of New Road and Leech Avenue for the report of a kidnapping that had just taken place. Several witnesses described seeing a dark in color SUV with a trash bag over a portion of the rear passenger side window that was parked on the corner of New Road and Leech Avenue. A light skinned black male subject with curly hair was then seen dragging a black female in to the vehicle against her will. The vehicle then sped off Eastbound down New Road.

If you were in the area of New Road and Leech Avenue at this time or have any information regarding this incident please contact Detective Sowden via email at <a href="mailto:scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us">scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us</a> by phone at 302-998-1173 ext. 208 or by text at 302-668-3014. Tips can be anonymous and can also be submitted to Delaware Crime Stoppers at 800-847-3333.

#### <u>UPDATE – Abduction Incident</u>

On October 20, 2023, Elsmere Police did follow up on the report of the kidnapping that was reported on October 19, 2023 at the intersection of Leech Avenue and New Road. With the public's assistance, Elsmere Police were able to identify and make contact with the female Victim and determine that this icident was the result of a domestic dispute. The female is safe, and at this time, the investigation is ongoing.

If you were in the area of New Road and Leech Avenue at this, time or have any information regarding this incident, please contact Detective Sowden via email at <a href="mailto:scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us">scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us</a> by phone at 302-998-1173 ext. 208 or by text at 302-668-3014. Tips can be anonymous and can be submitted to Delaware Crime Stoppers at 800-847-3333.

#### DOJ, Elsmere PD Secure Delaware's First Ever Forced Labor Conviction

An Elsmere man will serve a lengthy prison sentence after pleading guilty to multiple felonies, including Delaware's first conviction under a Forced Labor statute originally passed in 2014.

On October 13, Martin Ortiz-Lozano, 34, was sentenced to fifteen years in prison after pleading guilty to two counts of Child Abuse in the First Degree and one count of Human Trafficking a Minor – Forced Labor.

In September 2021, Ortiz-Lozano had his minor child brought to Delaware from Mexico and forced them to work hard labor, seven days a week. The child was not sent to school and was assaulted on a daily basis, resulting in facial fractures, a collapsed nasal passage, displaced teeth, and other injuries. Ultimately, the victim underwent an extremely long and complex surgery to repair the damage that was caused by the repeated abuse.

"Every child needs love and support," said Attorney General Kathy Jennings. "Instead, this victim was exploited by the person they needed the most. The violence and abuse that this child suffered were unthinkable; and while the child is now safe, there is still a long path to healing from this kind of trauma. I'm proud of the work that our team and our law enforcement partners did to bring the defendant to justice."

This case was investigated by Det. Scott Sowden of the Elsmere Police Department, along with the Department of Justice. This conviction and sentence were secured by Deputy Attorney General Nikki Warner, Nurse Analyst Lauren Welling, Paralegal Jayna Quillen, Social Worker Bettina Jones, Investigator Guillermo Santiago, and Legal Assistant Luz Zermeno, with support from Investigation Coordinator of the Office of the Child Advocate Michael Cooksey.

#### **Juveniles Arrested For Breaking In To Vehicle**

On Saturday, October 29, 2023, the Elsmere Police Department responded to multiple reports of attempted motor vehicle thefts during the early morning hours. The calls for service where throughout the Town of Elsmere, with the main targets being either Kia on Hyundai vehicle products. One of the vehicles that was targeted was successfully stolen. At the time, the suspects were reported as five individual's all-wearing black clothing. This trend continued in to the evening hours of October 29, 2023.

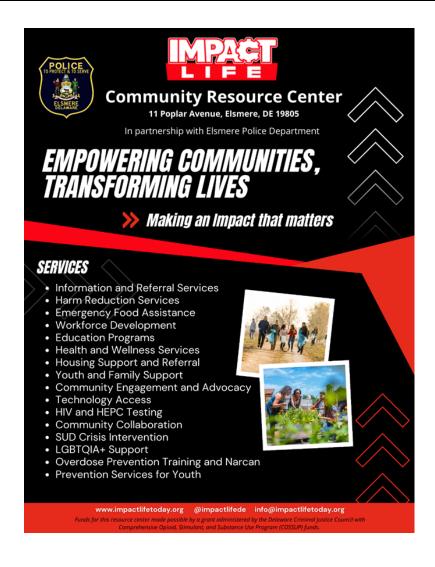
Just after midnight on October 30, 2023, Officers Rosa and Franzone responded to the area of Manchester Apartments for the report of subjects attempting to break in to vehicles. Responding Officers were able to locate the four juveniles from the City of Wilmington walking in the Vilone Village area. The suspects were taken in to custody without incident and were charged with Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Conspiracy, and Loitering. Two of the juveniles were released to the custody of their guardians while the other two were turned over to the New Castle County Detention Center after failing post bail.

#### **Future Elsmere Police Officer**

Future Elsmere Police Officer "Jordon" brings in candy to Ptlm. Maddams on Halloween!



#### **IMPACT LIFE – Community Resource Center Elsmere Opening**



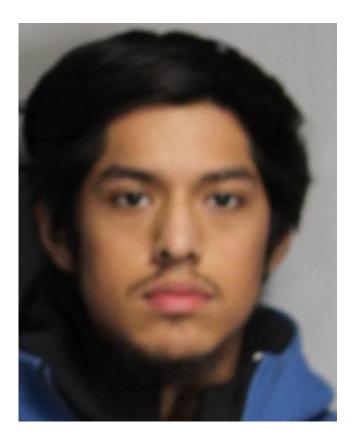
#### **Suspect Arrested In Homicide Investigation**

On November 10, 2023, Elsmere Police along with the assistance of the New Castle County Police SWAT team executed a search warrant in the 700 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Murray Manor Trailer Park regarding an investigation into the homicide of Jose Gonzalez. Jose Gonzalez was murdered on September 16, 2023, in the 900 block of S. Grant Avenue.

As a result, the search warrant for Jeremy Herrera (19) of Wilmington was taken in to custody. Herrera was indicted by a New Castle County Grand Jury on September 6, 2023, for the murder of Gonzalez. Herrera was charged with Murder 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Conspiracy 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, and Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited.

Defendant Herrera was issued a cash bail of over two million dollars and was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution.

If you have any information regarding this investigation, please contact Detective Sowden via e-mail at <a href="mailto:scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us">scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us</a>, phone 302-998-1173 ext. 208, or text 302-668-3014. Information can also be shared via Crime Stoppers at 800-847-3333. You can opt to remain anonymous.



# ELSMERE POLICE SEEK ASSISTANCE IN HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

On December 31, 2023 at 1057 PM, Officers responded to the area of 400 New Road for what was originally dispatched as a single vehicle accident. Upon arriving Offices discovered Marcos Plasencia, 31, of Wilmington deceased in the vehicle suffering from gunshot wounds. It is believed that Marcos was shot in his vehicle somewhere in the area. If you have any information regarding this matter, please contact Detective Sowden via email at <a href="mailto:scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us">scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us</a>, phone 302-998-1173 ext. 208, text 302-668-3014 or contact Delaware Crime Stoppers at 800-847-3333. You can opt to remain anonymous.



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Calls for
Service by
Classification

Row Labels	<b>Count of Incident Number</b>
911D Cellular	1
911D Hang-up Call	8
911D Land Line	4
911D Open Line	2
Abandoned Vehicle	17
Abuse/Neglect	6
Abuse/Neglect - In Progress	1
Accident Departmental	2
Accident PD	108
Accident PD H/R	66
Accident PI	30
Accident PI H/R	1
Accident Unknown	14
Accident Unknown H/R	1
Accidental Emergency Activation	1
Added Information	55
Alarm Burglary	246
Alarm Holdup/Panic	20
Alarm Vehicle	2
Animal	12
Animal w/Danger	6
Assault	4
Assault - In Progress	11
Assault - Just Occurred	6
Assault w/Weapon	2
Assault w/Weapon - In Progress	3
Assault w/Weapon - Just Occ'd	1
Assist Fire/EMS	65
Assist Other Agency	50
Barking Dog	10
Booking	23
Burglary	19
Burglary - In Progress	22
Burglary - Just Occ'd	7
Carjacking	2
Carjacking - In Progress	2
Carjacking - Just Occ'd	2

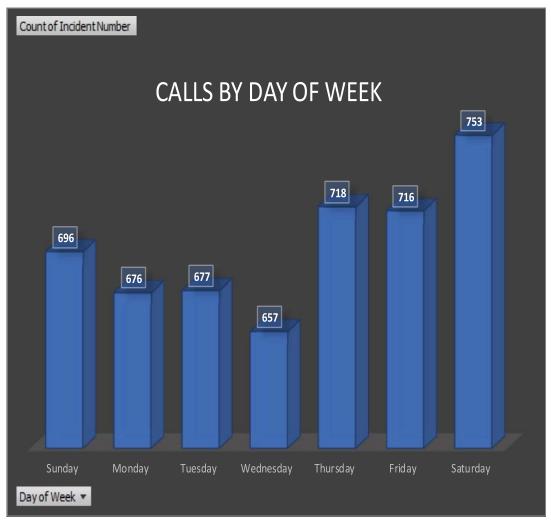
Check on the Welfare	175
Civil Matter	19
Community Policing	2
CPR in Progress	14
Criminal mischief	38
Criminal Mischief - In Progress	3
Criminal Mischief - Just Occ'd	14
Custody dispute	8
Cutting/Stabbing	1
Cutting/Stabbing - Just Occ'd	2
Death Investigation	16
Disabled vehicle	47
Disorderly group	12
Disorderly person	99
Domestic	24
Domestic - In Progress	265
Domestic - Just Occ'd	41
Domestic Verbal	1
Domestic w/Weapons - In Progress	16
Domestic w/Weapons - Just Occ'd	1
Drug Violation	23
Drunk/Intoxication	5
DUI	5
Fight - In Progress	22
Fire	1
Fire - Structure Fire	5
Fireworks	8
Follow Up	200
Found person	4
Fraud	43
Fugitive	17
Gun Violation	10
Harassment	30
Harassment - In Progress	8
Harassment - Just Occ'd	6
Homicide	3
Indecent Exposure	1
Injured Person	1
Kidnapping - In Progress	1

Kidnapping - Just Occ'd	1
Known Location of Missing Person	1
Lost/stolen tag	4
Loud Music/Party	77
Megan's Law	4
Mental patient	14
Mental Patient Violent	18
Miscellaneous Invest	83
Missing Person	11
Missing Person Special	9
Noise Complaint	60
Offensive Touching	2
Officer in Trouble	1
Open door or window	4
Overdose - In Progress	17
Parking Violation	61
Pay Job/Special Duty	16
Pedestrian Stop	37
Person Screaming	4
Person with Gun	9
PFA Service	9
Police Activity in Jurisdiction	2
Prevent Breech of Peace	56
Processing	1
Property check	100
Property found	11
Public Relations/Assist	35
Pursuit	3
Rape	4
Reckless Endangering	1
Relay/Transport	22
Rescue	1
Resisting Arrest	6
Return of Missing Person	3
Robbery	2
Robbery - In Progress	2
Robbery - Just Occ'd	1
Robbery w/Weapons - In Progress	2

Sexual Offenses	1
Shooting - In Progress	2
Shoplifting	11
Shots fired	5
Strange Phone Call	1
Suicidal Person	2
Suicidal Person - In Progress	36
Suicidal Person w/Weapon-In Progress	5
Suicidal Person w/Weapons	2
Surveillance	24
Suspicious package	1
Suspicious person	101
Suspicious vehicle	90
TAC	21
Terror. Threatening-In Progress	12
Terror. Threatening-Just Occ'd	7
Terroristic Threatening	11
Terroristic Threatening by Phone	4
Terroristic Threatening Weapons	2
Theft	41
Theft - In Progress	12
Theft - Just Occ'd	22
Theft from Vehicle	30
Traffic service	17
Traffic Violation	28
Trespass	4
Trespass - In Progress	44
Trespass - Just Occ'd	1
Turfing	1
Unauthorized Use	5
Unknown	33
Vehicle Fire	1
Vehicle Recovered	18
Vehicle Stolen	36
Vehicle Stop	1506
Vehicle Tow	1
Violation of No Contact Order	12
Violation of PFA	2
Warrant Attempt	20
Weapon Relinquishment	1
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Grand Total	4893



# Call Volume Analysis by Date & Time







2023 Fleet

## 2023 Police Fleet

35-1 2020 Ford Explorer (Hybrid)

Mileage: 30,747

Idle Mileage: 49,665 TOTAL MILEAGE = 80,412

35-2 2021 Ford Explored

Mileage: 28,074

Idle Mileage: 205,953 TOTAL MILEAGE = 234,027

35-3 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe

Mileage: 52,754

Idle Mileage: 277,506 TOTAL MILEAGE = 330,341

35-4 2021 Ford Explorer

Mileage: 32,425

Idle Mileage: 220,308 TOTAL MILEAGE = 252,733

35-5 2017 Ford Explorer

Mileage: 67,972

Idle Mileage: 491,106 TOTAL MILEGE = 559,078

### 2023 Police Fleet

35-6 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe

Mileage: 36,078

Idle Mileage:178,794 TOTAL MILEAGE = 214,872

35-7 2017 Ford Explorer (SOLD)

35-8 2017 Ford Explored

Mileage: 74,102

Idle Mileage: 638,352 TOTAL MILEAGE = 712,454

35-9 2011 Harley Davidson M/C

Mileage: 22,020

Idle Mileage: N/A

35-10 2022 Ford F-150 P/U Truck

Mileage: 8,408

Idle Mileage: 29,535 TOTAL MILEAGE = 37,943

35-11 2022 Chevrolet Malibu

Mileage: 1,503

Idle Mileage: N/A



Training

# 2023 Training

2023 Annual Staff Development Seminar

**Autism Training** 

Critical Incident Training (CIT)

Delaware State Police Certified Instructors Course

Delaware State Police Homicide Conference

Dr. Bill Smock Gunshot Wounds, Officer-Involved Shootings &

Strangulations

FBI Violent Crime Analyst Training

Field Training Officer Course

Fraudulent Document Training

Gathering Evidence form Today's Communication Technologies

Homeland Security Investigation Conference

Hot Topics In Employment for Municipal Government

LEXIPOL: Contempt of Cop: Decision Making Beyond the Gray Area

LEXIPOL: Curious Before Furious

**LEXIPOL Daily Training Bulletins** 

License Plate Recognition Technology & Best Practices

LIDAR Certification Course

Mass Attacks in Public Spaces (2016-2020)

Recognizing Staged Wounds and Crime Scenes

Rescue Task Force Training

Street Cop Training

TASER Instructor Recertification

TASER Re-Certification

Train the Trainer (Active Assailant)

University of Delaware Police Department Critical Incident Debriefs

Wilmington University Violent Crime Symposium

# 2023 Training Hours

#### **SWORN OFFICERS**

<ul><li>Chief Laura Giles</li></ul>	31 Hrs
<ul> <li>Lt. Gregg Shelton</li> </ul>	92 Hrs
• Sgt. Stephen Smith	59 Hrs
• Sgt. Philip Young	52 Hrs
<ul> <li>Det. Scot Sowden</li> </ul>	78 Hrs
<ul> <li>M/Cpl. Kevin Kerrigan</li> </ul>	23 Hrs
<ul> <li>S/Cpl. John Giles</li> </ul>	51 Hrs
<ul><li>Cpl. Elliott Singleton*</li></ul>	6 Hrs
<ul> <li>Cpl. Roman Franzone</li> </ul>	60 Hrs
<ul> <li>Cpl. Zachary Linde</li> </ul>	16 Hrs
<ul> <li>PFC Joshua Rosa</li> </ul>	36 Hrs
<ul><li>Ptlm. Earl McCloskey**</li></ul>	120 Hrs
* Resigned	
** Part-Time Officer	

#### **Administration Staff**

• Linda Sommermann 2 Hrs



Grants

# 2023 Yearly Grant Report Total Grant Funding Received \$211,341.08

**Bullet Proof Vest—\$1,645.00** 

Police Officers Bullet Proof Vest

**Byrne Grant—\$6, 300.00** 

Grant received from the Criminal Justice Council

Byrne "Reverted" Funds Grant—\$15,000.00

Funds not used by other departments

Combat Violent Crimes—\$31,281.12

Additional Officer Patrol Coverage Overtime

**COSSUP (Opioids Grant) - \$363,000.00 (\$40,333.00 per month)** 

Clinician Ride-Alongs & Impact Life

**EDIE—\$4,257.35** 

Drug Overtime and Enforcement/Prevention

Office of Highway Safety—\$11,180.00

Pedestrian & Operator Safety Enforcement

**SALLE—\$5,429.65** 

Technology Upgrades & Community Affairs

State of Delaware Legislature- \$15,248.96

Body Worn Cameras & Cloud Storage



Departmental
Improvements
&
Challenges

# Departmental Improvements/Challenges (2023)

#### **Improvements**

- Updated Pay Scale effective 7/1/23
- AXON Body Cams
- Purchased 2022 Ford F-150 Pick-Up Truck
- Purchased 2022 Chevrolet Malibu
- Installed a Security Fencing

#### **Challenges**

- Having 11 Officers when our Authorized Strength of 12 Officers
- Staying Competitive with Salary & Benefits
- Recruitment
- Retention
- Replacing Old Patrol Vehicles
- Building Maintenance



# Community Affairs

### **Community Affairs**







#### **Community Resource Center**

11 Poplar Avenue, Elsmere, DE 19805

In partnership with Elsmere Police Department

# EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES, TRANSFORMING LIVES



#### SERVICES

- Information and Referral Services
- Harm Reduction Services
- Emergency Food Assistance
- Workforce Development
- Education Programs
- Health and Wellness Services
- Housing Support and Referral
- · Youth and Family Support
- Community Engagement and Advocacy
- Technology Access
- · HIV and HEPC Testing
- · Community Collaboration
- SUD Crisis Intervention
- LGBTQIA+ Support
- · Overdose Prevention Training and Narcan
- Prevention Services for Youth





