

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
March 2026

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.

Shooting Investigation

January 28, 2026:

On January 29, 2026, at 6:34 P.M., Elsmere Police responded to the 600 block of Colonial Avenue for shots fired. Upon arrival, officers located a crime scene in the parking lot consisting of a shell casing and an occupied vehicle being struck by gunfire. This case was assigned to Detective John Mitchell. Through investigative measures, one suspect was identified as 19-year-old male Aviaire Evans. The other suspect is a 17-year-old male whose name is being withheld due to being a juvenile.

Both suspects were taken into custody with the assistance of the New Castle County Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team. Multiple search warrants were executed which resulted in locating evidence related to the crimes.

Aviaire Evans was charged with following charges: Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Felony, Reckless Endangering First Degree Creates a Substantial Risk of Death to Another, Wearing a disguise during the commission of a felony, Conspiracy Second Degree, Criminal Mischief over \$1,000 recklessly damage property and discharging firearms within town limits. Aviaire Evans was committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Facility for failing to post \$105,005 cash bail.

Fire Cracker Incident

February 4, 2026:

On February 4, 2026 at approximately 9:15 pm, a suspect driving a black SUV travelled SB on Locust Avenue and threw a firecracker in the area of 200 block. Officers were able to obtain a video of the incident. This is still under investigation.