

Troopers Arrest Man Attempting to Sell Stolen Car



William Ragin

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Townsend, DE- Delaware State Police have arrested a Newark man after he attempted to sell a vehicle which had been reported stolen late last week.

The investigation into this incident began on Saturday, July 30, 2016, after a Townsend man contacted the Delaware State Police to report that his 2014 Ford F-150 had been stolen from the driveway of his home located in the 500 block of Main Street, Townsend.

Later in the day, troopers were again contacted by the victim who advised them that he had located his vehicle in a for sale listing on Craigslist. The victim advised troopers that he had contacted the subject who had placed the advertisement, and was advised that he could meet with the subject and buy the vehicle for \$5000.00. It was then that the investigating troopers, pretending to be someone interested in purchasing the vehicle, placed a second call to the suspect, later identified as William Ragin, 20, of Newark. Ragin agreed to meet at the Delaware Welcome Center located on I-95 in Newark, with the intention of selling the vehicle to the "interested party" for \$6000.00.

Troopers then responded to the Welcome Center, and as Ragin arrived in the stolen Ford F-150, a vehicle stop was performed. William Ragin was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 2 where he provided troopers with a fictitious name. He was subsequently arrested and charged with receiving Stolen Property and Criminal Impersonation. Ragin was arraigned at JP Court 11 and released on \$1000.00 secured bail. The stolen Ford F-150 was returned to its owner.

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