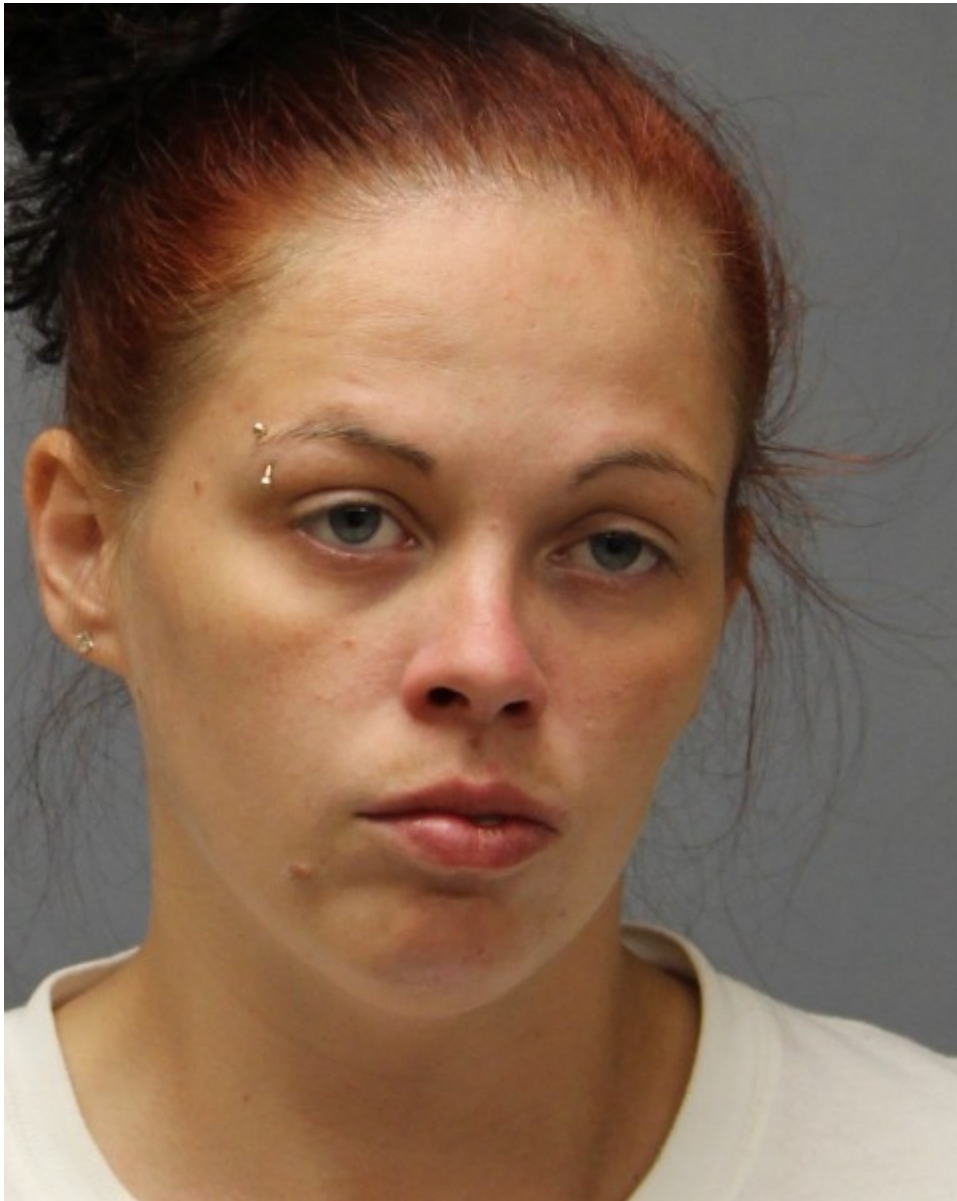


Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Arrest



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Seaford- Delaware State Police have arrested a Laurel women after she was found to be in possession of drugs during a traffic stop in Seaford.

The incident began this morning, Sunday, December 18, 2016 at approximately 1:50 a.m., as two Delaware State Troopers were on patrol in the area of Sussex Highway and Bethel Concord

Road, Seaford. It was at this time that the troopers observed a green Chevrolet Tahoe, which was traveling in a northbound direction on Sussex Highway, fail to remain within its lane of travel. A vehicle stop was then conducted at which time, one of the troopers came into contact with the front seat passenger of the car, later identified as Katie Dilworth, 28, of Laurel. A computer check of Dilworth was conducted where it was learned that she was wanted by the Laurel Police Department. Dilworth was then removed from the Tahoe and following a pat down search, was placed in the trooper's patrol vehicle. It was at this time that they noticed the odor of marijuana coming from Dilworth's person, however, she denied being in possession of marijuana. She was then transported to the Laurel Police Department, where upon their arrival, a female Delaware State Trooper was contacted in order to conduct a more extensive search of Dilworth. It was at this time that Dilworth admitted to being in possession of a plastic bag containing assorted drugs which she removed from inside of her pants and turned over to the troopers.

Dilworth was found to be in possession of 55 white wax paper bags of heroin which weighed .825 grams, .52 grams of powder cocaine, 1.64 grams of crack cocaine, 6.94 grams of marijuana, 2 suboxone strips, and 3 Delaware food stamp cards which did not belong to her.

Katie Dilworth was then transported to Troop 5 where she was charged with Possession with the Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Tampering with Evidence, Possession of Marijuana, 3 counts of Unauthorized Use of Food Stamps, and 3 counts of Possession of a Counterfeit Controlled Substance. She was arraigned at JP Court 3 and then committed to the Delores J. Baylor Correctional Institution in default of \$23,000.00 cash bail.

The male operator of the Tahoe, identified as a 36 year old Seaford man, was issued a warning and released.

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