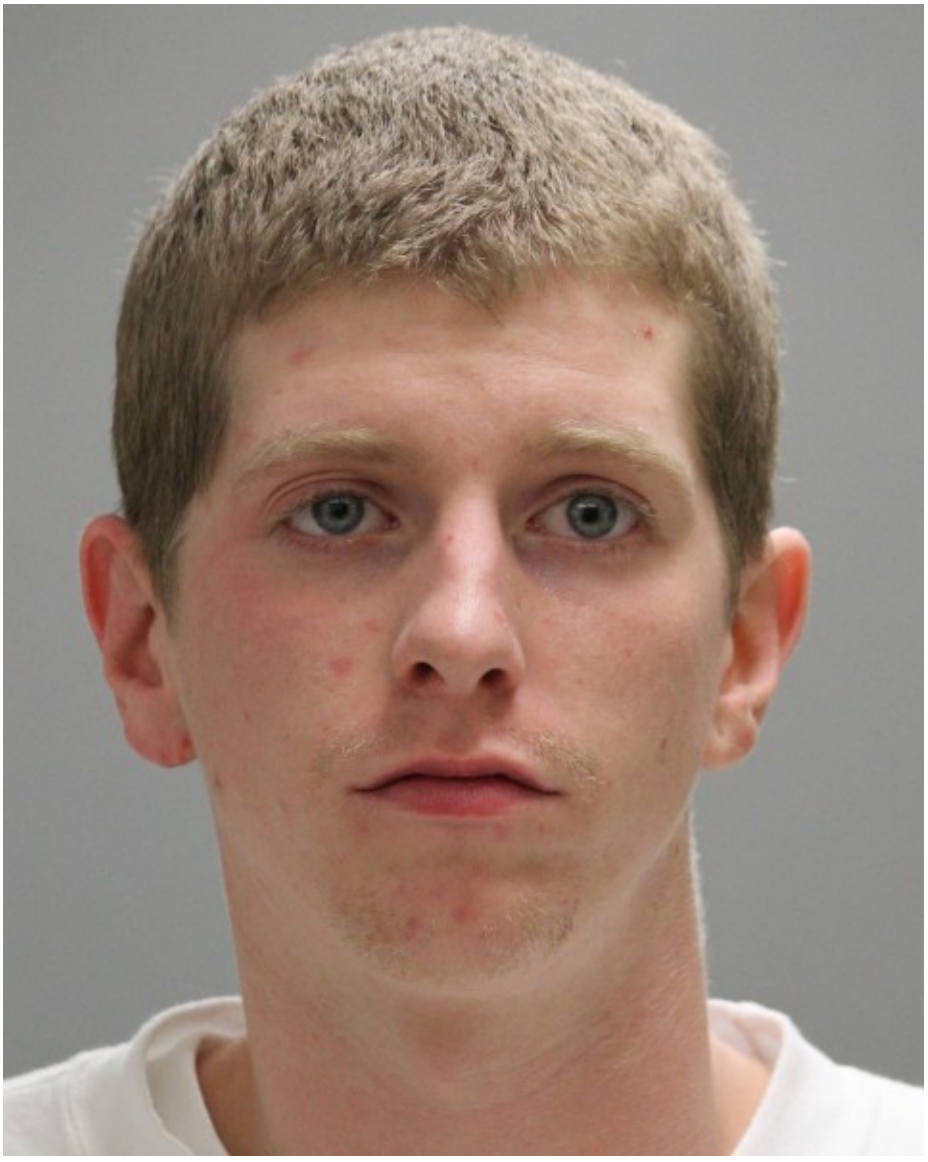
Troopers Arrest Smyrna Man Following Attempted Robbery of Gas Station



Phillip Hardin

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

Smyrna- Delaware State Police have arrested a 25 year old Smyrna man following the attempted robbery of a Smyrna area gas station that occurred last night.

The investigation began last night, Thursday, December 29, 2016 at approximately 9:15 p.m., after a male suspect entered the Valero gas station located at 5703 DuPont Parkway, Smyrna. The suspect then approached the sales counter where he confronted a female clerk and declared that he was robbing the business. The suspect did not display a weapon or imply that he was armed. The female clerk fled to the rear of the business without providing the suspect with any money. The suspect then fled from the business in an unknown direction. The clerk was not injured.

As responding troopers were at the Valero conducting their investigation, they were advised that a male suspect matching the description of the suspect who attempted to rob the business had also just attempted to rob Reba's Liquors located at 111 Glenwood Avenue, Smyrna. The suspect, later identified as Phillip Hardin, 25, of Smyrna, was detained by the store clerk until officers from the Smyrna Police Department were able to arrive and take him into custody.

Phillip Hardin was charged by the Delaware State Police with Attempted Robbery 2nd Degree and Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony. He was arraigned at JP Court 7 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Institution in default of $6000.00 secured bail.

Please contact the Smyrna Police Department for details, charge, and bail information related to the attempted robbery of Reba's Liquors located in their jurisdiction.

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