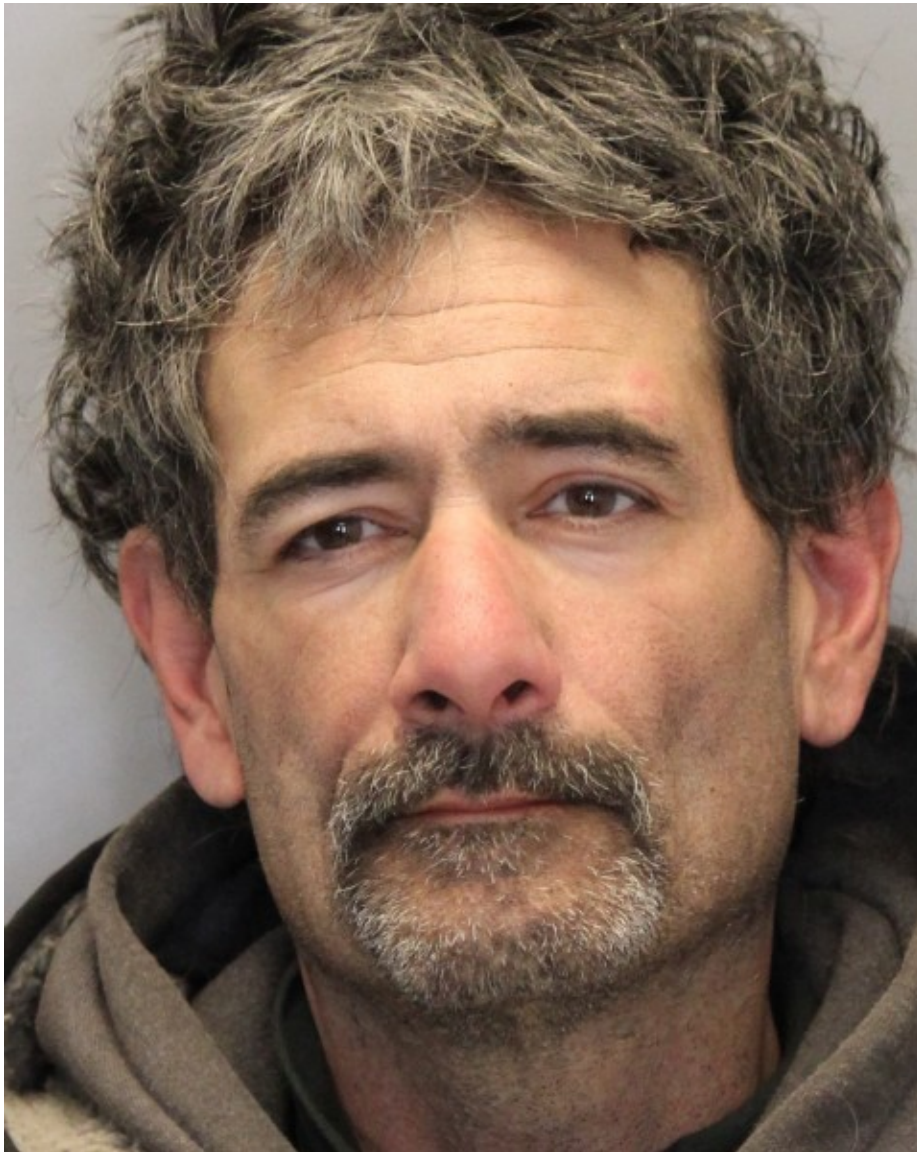


Troopers Arrest Man Following Robbery – Claymont



David H. Francis, Jr.

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

Claymont – The Delaware State Police have arrested a 52 year old man and charged him in connection with the robbery of a Claymont area pharmacy which occurred yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 5:19 p.m. on Monday,

January 2, 2017, as a male suspect, later identified as **David H. Francis, Jr.**, of Claymont, entered the Rite Aid located at 641 Naamans Road, Claymont. Francis then approached the sales counter with his face covered with a sweatshirt and confronted a female employee while implying that he was armed with a gun. He then demanded money from the cash register. The clerk complied with Francis' demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. Francis then exited the store with his face still covered and was observed by an off-duty officer of the Philadelphia Police Department. After learning that the pharmacy had just been robbed, the officer detained Francis in the parking lot until the arrival of responding troopers. There were no injuries.

David Francis was transported to Troop 2 where he was arrested and charged with two counts of Robbery 1st Degree and Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony. He was arraigned at JP Court 11 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institutional in default of \$41,000.00 secured bail.

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