

Delaware State Police Make Arrest In New Castle Area Armed Robbery



Melvin Callahan

New Castle – Delaware State Police detectives have arrested a New Castle area man for an armed robbery after a two week long investigation.

The original incident occurred on Friday, September 22, 2017 at approximately 12:20 a.m. as two New Castle men, ages 21 and 17 were walking on Airport Rd. in the area of Bellamy Dr., New Castle.

As the two male victims were walking they were approached by a group of three black males who they had encountered approximately 15 minutes earlier in the Shell Gas Station parking lot, located at DE Rt. 273 and Appleby Rd., New Castle.

One of the black males later identified as Melvin Callahan, 22 of New Castle, produced an unknown make and model handgun,

pointed it at the victims and ordered them to give him all their property. The victims complied with Callahan's demand turning over to him a wallet with an undisclosed amount of money, an Apple I-phone 7 along with other personal property.

Once obtaining the property Callahan ordered the two victims to continue walking as he and the other two black males fled on foot back towards the Shell Station.

Neither victim sustained any injuries as a result of the altercation.

Based on a variety of investigative leads obtained over the course of two weeks detectives were able to positively identify Callahan as the subject who had displayed the handgun and demanded the property during the robbery.

On October 9, 2017 Callahan was located, arrested and subsequently charged with two counts of Robbery 1st Degree and one count of Conspiracy 2nd Degree. Callahan was arraigned and then remanded to Delaware Department of Corrections custody on \$101,000 cash bail.

Detectives are still considering the other two black males as persons of interest in this case and are asking that anyone with information please contact the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8566. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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