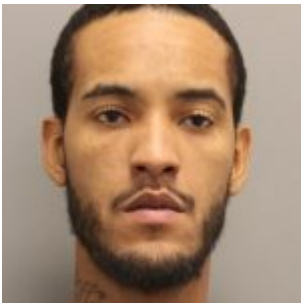


Troopers Make Arrests in Dover Drug Investigation



Damian LEGRAND



Richard SMITH

Dover – The Delaware State Police have concluded a two month long drug investigation, after the execution of a search warrant, which has resulted in the arrest of two Dover men.

On Friday, December 8, 2017, members of the Kent County Drug Unit, assisted by the Kent County Governor's Task Force, the Troop 3 Criminal Investigative Unit and the Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team (SORT), executed a search warrant at a residence, in the Alder Park apartment complex, located at 51 Webbs Lane, Dover.

Upon making entry into the residence, members of the Special Operations Response Team, located Damian "Dash" Legrand, 31, of Dover, and Richard "Skeet" Smith, 32, also of Dover, and took them in to custody without incident.

A subsequent search of the residence, produced 33 bags of heroin, \$825.00 in suspected drug money, an assortment of drug paraphernalia, as well as multiple items, which were confirmed

to be stolen property, related to an investigation currently being conducted by the Troop 3 Criminal Investigative Unit.

During the course of the investigation, detectives were also able to gather evidence, linking Smith to a 2000 Acura RL, which was located in the apartment complex parking lot. A scan of the Acura, was conducted by a Dover Police Department K-9 unit, which resulted in a positive alert for narcotics. Based on the positive K-9 alert, a search warrant was obtained for the vehicle, which resulted in the recovery of a Smith and Wesson 9mm handgun. The handgun had been reported stolen, in an investigation currently being conducted by the Dover Police Department.

Damian Legrand was charged with 1 count each of Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Receiving Stolen Property Under \$1500.00, as well as, 3 counts of Delivery of a Controlled Substance and 4 counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Legrand was arraigned in the Kent County Court of Common Pleas before being committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Institution, in lieu of \$42,800 secured bond.

Richard Smith was charged with 1 count each of, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited and Receiving a Stolen Firearm. Smith was also arraigned in the Kent County Court of Common Pleas, before being committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Institution, in lieu of \$31,023.00.

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