

***Update* Arrest Made -Home Invasion- Frederica**



ERIC S. HUFFSTUTLER

Frederica –The Delaware State Police are investigating a home invasion in which one suspect has been identified and arrested.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred around 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2018 when troopers responded to the 80 block of Barefoot Lane for a reported Home Invasion. The investigation revealed that an unknown suspect had approached the residence and knocked on

the door. Upon the homeowner/victim, 31-year-old male of Frederica opening the door, he was struck in the head by an unknown blunt force object. As the victim fell to the floor, a scuffle ensued. The victim was subsequently held down by the suspect who then began communicating with a second suspect who entered the residence. The second suspect proceeded to the bedroom where he removed three firearms, several boxes of ammunition, and an undisclosed amount of cash. Once these items were obtained, both suspects fled the residence on foot.

The victim was transported to a local area hospital by a private vehicle where he was treated and released with non life threatening injuries that he sustained during this incident.

While on patrol on Monday, January 15, 2018 at approximately 4:02 p.m., Troopers observed a light blue Dodge Dakota fail to stop at a stop sign located on Jackson Street, Frederica. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the operator, identified as 37-year old **Eric Huffstutler** of Frederica. During the course of the traffic stop drug paraphernalia was discovered inside of the vehicle. A subsequent search revealed a black duffel bag containing 4 boxes of 9mm, 1 box of .45, and 2 boxes of .223 ammunition. Huffstutler is a person prohibited and was subsequently taken into custody and transported back to Troop 3.

Through further investigative measures, a search warrant was obtained for a residence located in the 100 block of Jackson Street, Frederica. The search warrant was executed by members of the Delaware State Police SORT team, Troop 3 Governors Task Force, Kent County Drug Unit, and the Criminal Investigative Unit. During the search, numerous rounds of ammunition were collected along with two of the victim's firearms.

Huffstutler was charged with Home Invasion, Robbery First Degree, Assault First Degree, three counts of Theft of Firearm, Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission

of a Felony, Conspiracy Second Degree, and Terroristic Threatening. He was arraigned out of Justice of the Peace Court 7 and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on \$84,500.00 cash only bond.

This incident continues to remain under investigation for the second suspect that was involved. If anyone has information pertaining to this incident, they are asked to please contact Detective B. Beck, Troop 3 Criminal Investigative Unit at 302-698-8527. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

Click on the following link to view the original release:
[State Police Investigate Home Invasion- Frederica](#)

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