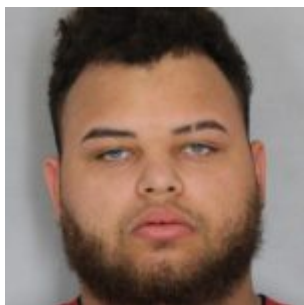


Joint Investigation Leads to Recovery of Drugs and Gun-New Castle Man Charged



Anthony J. MATA



Newark – Based on information provided by Probation and Parole officers regarding suspected drug activity at a Newark residence, the Delaware State Police Governor's Task Force, has arrested a New Castle man on drug and weapons offenses.

On Monday, February 19, 2018, members of the Governor's Task Force (GTF), responded to a residence in the unit block of Fairway Road, Newark, to assist Probation and Parole officers with an administrative search. Upon making entry into the residence, GTF members came in to contact with Anthony J. Mata, 21, of New Castle, who was found to be in possession of heroin. A subsequent search of the residence produced an additional quantity of heroin that was packaged for sale, a fully loaded 9mm handgun, as well as an assortment of drug paraphernalia. Further investigation led GTF members to a 2012 Chrysler 200, which was able to be linked to Mata, where an additional quantity of heroin was located.

Mata was taken in to custody without incident and then transported to Delaware State Police Troop 2 where he was formally charged with one count each of the following:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon while in Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession with Intent to Deliver Heroin in a Tier 4 Quantity
- Possession of Heroin in a Tier 5 Quantity

Mata was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 before being committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$62,500.00 secured bail.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Governor's Task Force, by calling 302-834-2620. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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