

Assault Leads to Burglary and Weapon Charges-Delmar

Delmar- The Delaware State Police have arrested a Salisbury, Maryland man after he entered into a residence uninvited and assaulted a resident.

The incident occurred on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at approximately 10:50 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 12000 block of Line Road for a report of an assault. Prior to the Troopers arrival, it was learned that a 65-year-old male victim was in the process of being transported to the Peninsula Regional Medical Center. Contact was made with the victim at the hospital where he indicated that an acquaintance, 66-year-old **William D. Betts** had entered his residence unannounced and began arguing and threatening to kill him. Betts soon after left the residence and entered the victim's detached garage where he began pushing items over. Betts obtained a crowbar and a screwdriver and proceeded back into the residence. He continued to confront the victim, striking him over the head with the crowbar and threatening him with the screwdriver, prior to leaving the scene.

The victim was treated and released from the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

On Wednesday, September 26, 2018, Betts turned himself in at Troop 5 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (2 counts)
- Burglary Second Degree
- Aggravated Menacing (2 counts)
- Burglary Third Degree
- Terroristic Threatening
- Assault Third Degree

- Criminal Mischief

Betts was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on \$58,100.00 unsecured bond.

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