

Barricaded Subject Surrenders Without Incident- Lewes

Lewes– The Delaware State Police have taken a Lewes, DE man into custody after he barricaded himself inside his residence after burglarizing his neighbor's residence.

The investigation began on November 3, 2019 at approximately 10:10 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 17400 block of Taramino Place, Lewes for a report of a burglary. Upon arrival, Troopers met with the resident who advised that her neighbor, 57-year-old **Ralph S. Luce** had forced entry into her adjoining apartment, ransacked it and damaged items. Prior to police arrival, Luce had responded back to his apartment. Troopers attempted to make contact with Luce when he refused to exit and barricaded himself in his residence.

Members of the Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team (SORT) responded to the scene and were eventually able to take Luce into custody without further incident. Luce was transported to a local area hospital for an evaluation. There were no reports of any injuries as a result of this incident.

This case remains under investigation with charges forthcoming.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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