

# **Delaware State Police Investigating Disorderly Group Resulting in Several Arrests - Camden**

Dover- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating an incident that occurred on June 9, 2020, involving a disorderly group that resulted in several arrests.

The initial incident began in the City Limits of Dover, with a group of approximately 40 individuals protesting. The group migrated out of the City Limits of Dover and reconvened on South DuPont Highway (U.S. 13) southbound to the area of Wawa located at 200 East Street, Camden, at approximately 6:17 p.m. During this time, the group entered onto U.S. 13 southbound and northbound, began acting aggressively toward motorists and resulting in all lanes of travel blocked by the protestors.

The individuals were advised multiple times by Law Enforcement Officers the protest was not lawful because it was obstructing traffic and to exit the roadway and move onto the shoulder. The incident escalated with protestors becoming disorderly. Protestors then refused to allow a Dover Police Officer in a marked police vehicle to proceed through. Once the officer exited the patrol car, individuals became disorderly.

As a result, 22 individuals were taken into custody and detained. Upon further investigation, one of the 22 individuals detained was a media reporter. The reporter was taken into custody by an officer of the Dover Police Department and transported to Delaware State Police Troop 3 with the other detained individuals. As a result of the investigation, the media reporter was released with no charges filed.

This investigation is currently ongoing, and anyone with additional details or impacted by this incident is asked to contact Delaware State Police Troop 3 by calling 302-697-4454.

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