Troopers Arrest Wilmington Man After Committing Two Armed Robberies- New Castle

New Castle- Delaware State Police arrested 57-year-old **Donald J. Cunningham** of Wilmington on robbery charges after he committed two armed robberies at Rite Aid stores.

On March 27, 2021, at approximately 8:30p.m., Delaware State Police responded to Rite Aid located at 701 Governor's Place, Bear, for a reported armed robbery. During the incident, the suspect produced what appeared to be an all black semi-automatic handgun and displayed it toward the cashier. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of money, the suspect took the cashier outside of the business and attempted to obtain the victim's cellphone and car keys. When he was unsuccessful, he fled the area on foot.

On March 28, 2021, at approximately 2:17 a.m., troopers responded to a reported armed robbery at Rite Aid located at 1718 Marsh Road, Wilmington. The suspect in this incident was described as the same suspect in the Governor's Square robbery and during the robbery the suspect displayed what appeared to be a black semi-automatic handgun toward the cashier and another store employee. The suspect was able to obtain an undisclosed amount of money and fled the business on foot.

No one was injured during either incident.

Through investigative measures, troopers were able to determine the suspect in both robberies was Donald Cunningham. At approximately 2:30 a.m., Cunningham was located during a traffic stop on Harrison St., Wilmington. During the traffic stop, officers observed in plain view what appeared to be a black semi-automatic handgun and Rite Aid bag. Cunningham was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 2

where he was charged with the following crimes:

- 3 counts- Robbery 1st Degree (Felony)

Cunningham was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #11 and committed to Howard R Young Correctional Institution on a $30,000.00 cash bond.

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. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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