Ellendale Man Arrested for Assault After Pepper Spraying Victim- Millsboro

Millsboro- Delaware State Police arrested 21-year-old **Mardis L. Powell Jr** of Ellendale on assault following an incident on Monday night.

On May 10, 2021, at approximately 10:40 p.m., troopers responded to Hollyville Road for a reported assault. The investigation determined the 17-year-old female victim received a call from her acquaintance, Mardis Powell Jr., who requested she meet him in the parking lot of Carillon Woods Apartments. When the victim responded, Powell became aggressive with her, and a verbal argument ensued before he took her cellphone, threw it on the ground, and then sprayed her in the face with pepper spray. The victim and Powell then engaged in a physical altercation in the parking lot before being separated by another individual in the parking lot. The victim got into her vehicle and began to drive away when Powell kicked the side of her 2011 Hyundai Sonata. As the victim left the scene, Powell followed her to her residence and started yelling at her in the driveway before throwing a radio at the rear window, causing it to shatter. Powell fled the area before police arrived. The victim did not require medical attention.

On May 11, 2021, Powell was located and transported to Troop 4 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Assault 2nd Degree (Felony)
- Criminal Mischief

Powell was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a $10,100.00 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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