Troopers Arrest Ellendale Man for Shooting Juvenile with a BB Gun- Ellendale

Ellendale, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **James R. Adkins, 18, of Ellendale,** on criminal charges Tuesday night following an altercation.

On June 8, 2021, at approximately 8:19 p.m., troopers were dispatched to the 18000 block of New Hope Road, Ellendale, for a reported shooting. Through the investigation, troopers determined an argument occurred between James R. Adkins and an 11-year-old female about the female riding Adkins's bicycle. During the incident, Adkins retrieved a riffle-style BB gun from his residence and shot at the victim, striking her in the lower torso. The victim sustained a minor injury as a result but was not transported for medical attention. Adkins was taken into custody at his residence without incident and transported to Troop 7, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Assault Second Degree (Felony)
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child
- Menacing

Atkins was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and released on a $4,500.00 unsecured 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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