

Georgetown Man Arrested by Troopers on Weapon Charges Following Pursuit- Georgetown

Georgetown, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Victor E. Cruz, 23, of Georgetown**, on felony weapon and traffic charges following a pursuit Thursday night.

On June 24, 2021, at approximately 11:34 p.m., a trooper traveling eastbound on Hardscrabble Road west of Shortly Road observed a Volkswagen Jetta approach from behind at a high rate of speed with its hi-beam headlights on. The trooper pulled the fully marked patrol car to the eastbound shoulder, and the vehicle drove past. The trooper activated the emergency equipment and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the Jetta. The vehicle failed to stop and continued traveling until turning on Rodney Street in Homestead Mobile Home Park. Once the Jetta came to a dead-end cul-de-sac on Rodney Street, the driver turned the car into the marked patrol vehicle, striking the front right corner. It then pulled away and drove through the yard of a residence, narrowly missing the corner of a mobile home and trash can. Once back on Rodney Street, it stopped in front of a residence in the 20000 block. The driver was taken into custody, and a strong odor of alcoholic beverages was detected. A criminal investigation ensued, and located on his person was a Randall's Adventure and Training ESEE-5 Knife with a 5.25" blade. The driver of the vehicle was later identified as Victor E. Cruz. Cruz was transported to Delaware State Police Troop 5, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Disregarding a Police Officers Signal (Felony)

- Driving Under the Influence
- Two Counts- Failure to Signal
- Driving at an Unreasonable Speed
- Two Counts- Improper Lane Change
- Must Drive in Proper Lane and Direction
- Light Visibility 350 ft. or Greater

Cruz was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$26,007.00 secured bond.

The trooper was uninjured during the collision.

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