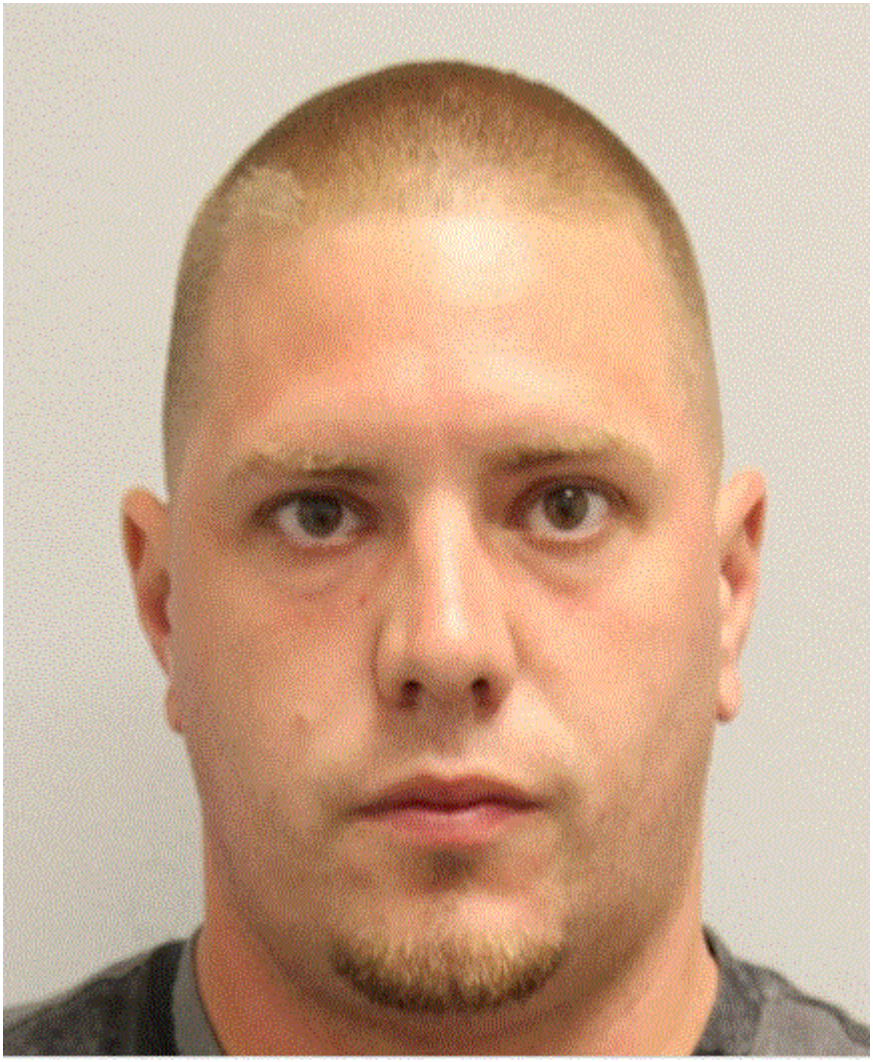
# Troopers Arrest Two Maryland Men for Theft of Construction Equipment- Lewes

***Lewes, DE-*** Delaware State Police arrested **Roy H. Hanna, 30, of Elkton, MD,** and **George W. Whiteman, 52, of North East, MD,** for felony theft Wednesday night.

On September 15, 2021, at approximately 8:14 p.m., Blue Heron Construction Company contacted Delaware State Police after receiving information about their Ditch Witch SK800 construction equipment being removed from the parking lot of the clubhouse in Middle Creek Preserve, Angola Beach. It was now located in the Lewes BP Gas Station parking lot located at 17580 Coastal Highway, Lewes. Troopers responded to the Lewes BP and found a white 2021 Dodge Ram pickup towing a trailer with the stolen Ditch Switch SK800 on it. Troopers contacted the operator of the Dodge, Roy H. Hanna, and passenger, George W. Whiteman. Both individuals were taken into custody without incident and transported to Delaware State Police Troop 7.



**Roy Hanna** was charged with the following crimes:

- Theft $1,500 or Greater (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Criminal Trespass Third Degree

He was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and released on a $5,500.00 unsecured bond.



**George W. Whiteman** was charged with the following crimes:

- Theft $1,500 or Greater (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Criminal Trespass Third Degree

He was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #3 and released on a $5,500.00 unsecured bond.

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