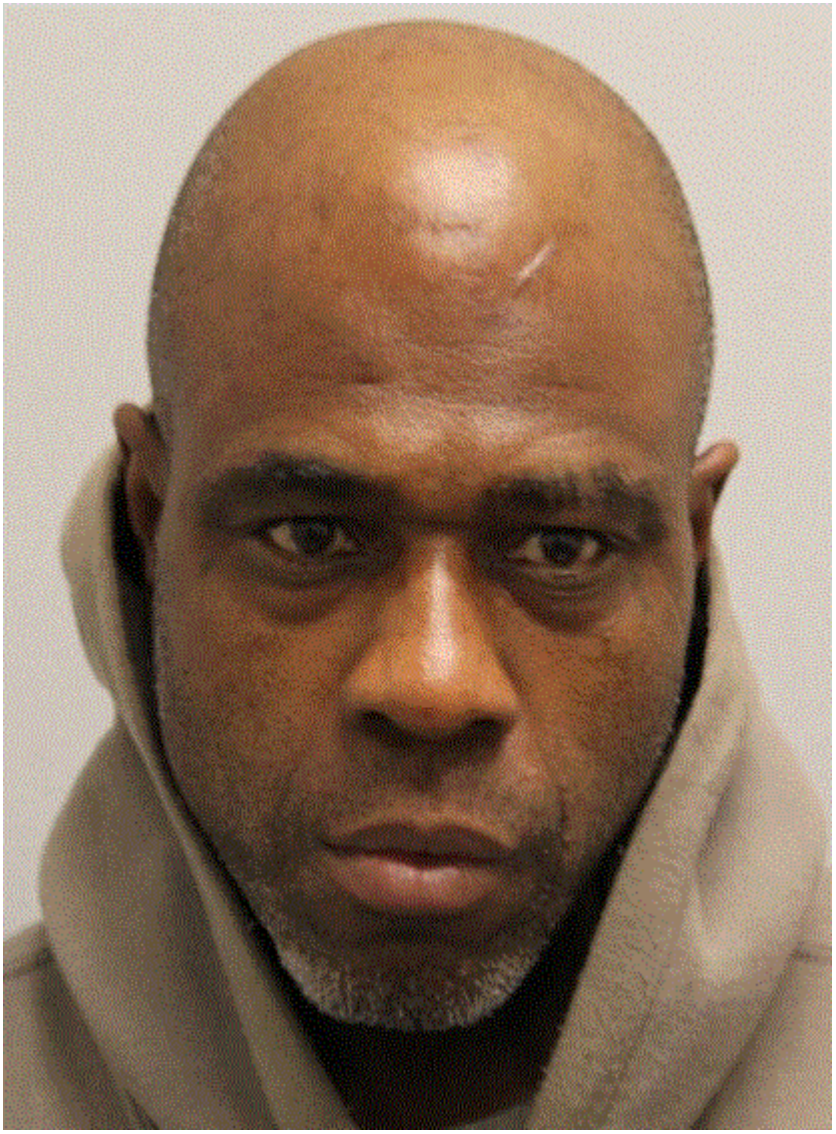
Two Sussex County Men Arrested After Stealing Bicycles and Fleeing from Troopers- Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach, DE- Delaware State Police arrested **Steven L. Hickman, 55, of Frankford** and **Leon N. Frazier, 52, of Ellendale,** early Monday morning after they stole bicycles from Walmart and fled from troopers.

On November 15, 2021, at approximately 4:47 a.m., a trooper conducting traffic control on John J. Williams Hwy (SR24) west of Mulberry Knoll Road observed a gray Dodge Ram truck traveling westbound on SR24 with a large number of bicycles in the bed of the truck and one being dragged behind. A traffic stop was attempted on the Dodge, but the driver failed to stop and continued to travel westbound before becoming disabled west of Banks Road. When it came to a stop, Leon Frazier Jr. exited the driver's side and was taken into custody without incident. A search of Frazier's person was conducted, and drug paraphernalia was located on him. A computer inquiry revealed Frazier's driver's license was suspended. Steven Hickman was taken into custody when he exited the passengers' side of the truck. Before being transported to Delaware State Police Troop 7, troopers were advised by the dispatch center that Rehoboth Beach Walmart called and reported a theft of a large number of bicycles. Located in plain view in the truck bed were approximately $1,950 in bikes with Walmart price tags. A criminal investigation ensued and troopers determined the bikes were stolen from the exterior of Walmart shortly before the trooper observed the vehicle traveling on SR24.

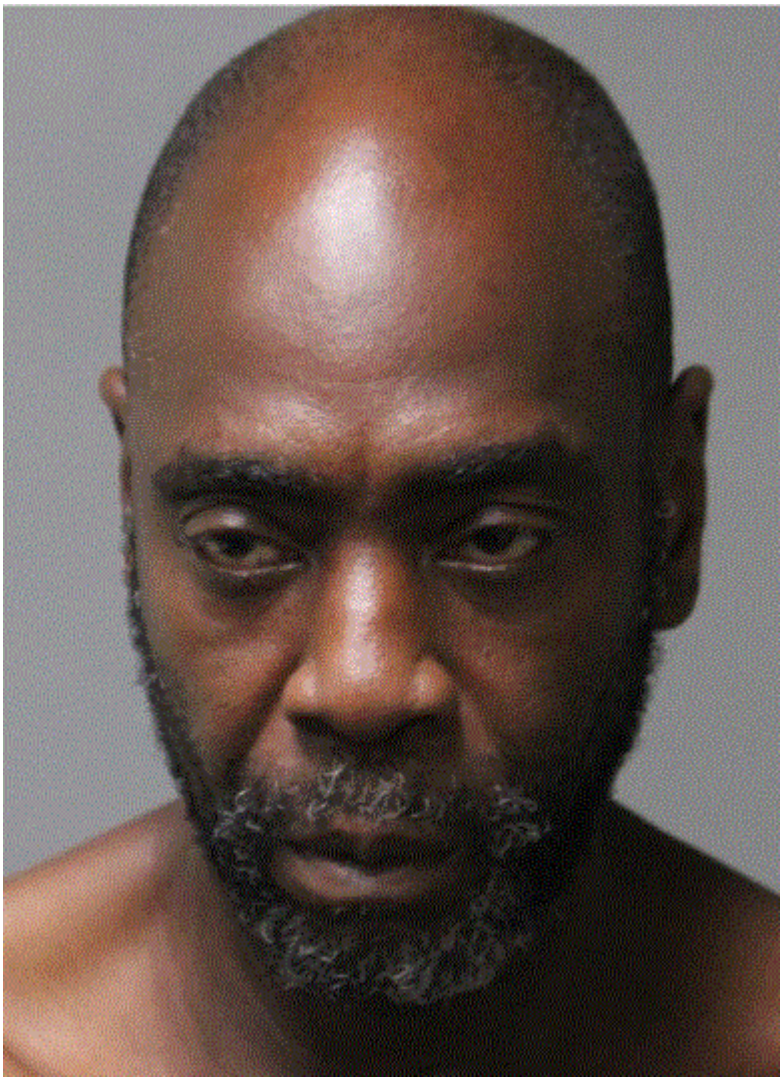


Leon N. Frazier

Frazier was charged with the following crimes:

- Theft $1,500 or Greater (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal (Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Criminal Mischief Under $1,500
- Driving While Suspended
- Failure to Have Insurance in Possession
- Multiple Traffic Violations

Frazier was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on a $5,500.00 unsecured bond.



Steven L. Hickman

Hickman was charged with the following crimes:

- Theft $1,500.00 or Greater (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Criminal Mischief Under $1,500

Hickman was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on a $2,500.00 unsecured bond.

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