

# Traffic Stop Leads to Weapon, Drug, and DUI Arrest

Delaware State Police have arrested 27-year-old **Arthur Darden** of Dover, DE for weapons and drug offenses following a traffic stop on Monday afternoon.

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at approximately 12:41 p.m., a trooper on patrol in Laurel, DE observed a black Kia Sportage speeding and change lanes without signaling on Sussex Highway south of Gordy Road. A traffic stop was initiated on Sussex Highway at Dorothy Road and contact was made with the operator, identified as Arthur Darden. Troopers observed signs of impairment on Darden and open alcohol containers inside of the vehicle. A subsequent DUI investigation ensued and Darden was taken into custody without incident. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of approximately 13.79 grams of marijuana, a pair of brass knuckles, and a 9-millimeter handgun. A computer inquiry revealed Darden is a convicted felon prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Darden was transported to Troop 5 and charged with the following offenses:

- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm While Possessing a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession of Marijuana
- Carrying a Concealed Dangerous Instrument
- Possession of a Firearm While Under the Influence
- Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol and Drugs
- Speeding
- Improper Lane Change

Darden was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 2 and

committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$11,300 cash bond.

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