

Troopers Arrest Suspect for 8th-Offense DUI Following Crash Investigation

Delaware State Police arrested 50-year-old **Richard Cook** of Lincoln, DE for 8th-offense DUI and other charges following a crash investigation on Monday afternoon.

On April 11th, 2022, at approximately 2:57 p.m., troopers responded to the intersection of southbound Dupont Boulevard and Redden Road, Georgetown, DE regarding a motor vehicle collision. Upon their arrival, troopers contacted Richard Cook, the operator of a black Nissan Quest. The Quest had overturned onto its side in the wooded area west of Dupont Boulevard, and the two passengers, a 49-year-old female victim and a 45-year-old male victim, had sustained non-life threatening injuries. The victims were transported to Bayhealth Sussex Hospital for medical treatment. Troopers observed signs of impairment on Cook and a DUI investigation ensued. Cook was subsequently taken into custody without incident at the scene. A search of Cook's vehicle led to the discovery of approximately 2.04 grams of marijuana, suspected liquid heroin, drug paraphernalia, two fixed-blade knives, and a Hopkins & Allen Arms Co. revolver. Cook is a convicted felon who is prohibited from possessing firearms and/or deadly weapons.

A computer inquiry revealed that Cook's driver's license was suspended and he had been convicted for seven prior DUI offenses. Cook was transported to Troop 5 and charged with the following offenses:

- Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence of Drugs (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Firearm (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony)

- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony) – 2 counts
- Vehicular Assault Second Degree – 2 counts
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Driving While Suspended or Revoked
- Possession of Marijuana

Cook was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$39,501 cash bond.

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