

# Traffic Stop Leads to Drug and Weapon Arrest

Delaware State Police have arrested 21-year-old **Jayaire Brittingham** of Smyrna, DE for drug and weapons offenses following a traffic stop on Tuesday evening.

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at approximately 8:10 p.m., a trooper on patrol in the Dover area noticed a gray Honda Accord traveling northeast on Pearsons Corner Road north of Halltown Road. The trooper observed the vehicle fail to maintain within a single lane of travel. A traffic stop was initiated on Pearsons Corner Road and contact was made with the operator and sole occupant, identified as Jayaire Brittingham. Upon contacting Brittingham, the trooper detected an odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle's interior. Subsequently, Brittingham was taken into custody at the scene without incident and probable cause search of the vehicle led to the discovery of approximately 3.93 grams of marijuana, approximately 0.196 grams of heroin, drug paraphernalia, a black assault rifle, four rifle rounds, and a .40 caliber Glock handgun. The Glock handgun was reported as stolen by Delaware State Police Troop 3 in January 2022.

Brittingham was transported to Troop 3 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Firearm While Possessing a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Possession of an Untraceable Firearm (Felony)
- Receiving a Stolen Firearm (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of Marijuana
- Failure to Remain Within a Single Lane

Brittingham was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 7 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$27,600 secured bond.

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