

Troops Arrest Two Subjects for Drug Charges Following Traffic Stop

Delaware State Police have arrested 44-year-old **Tracy Hawkins** of Seaford, DE, and 49-year-old **Gerald Watkins** of Seaford, DE, for drug charges following a traffic stop that occurred on Tuesday morning.

On May 10, 2022, at approximately 1:32 a.m., a trooper on patrol in the Seaford area observed a gray Dodge Journey traveling eastbound on Pine Drive, approaching the intersection at Bethel Concord Road. The trooper observed the driver of the Journey commit a turn signal violation, and a traffic stop was initiated on Bethel Concord Road. Contact was made with the operator of the vehicle, identified as Gerald Watkins, as well as the passenger, identified as Tracy Hawkins. Watkins was not cooperative with troopers, and Hawkins was observed making furtive movements inside the vehicle. Both subjects were taken into custody at the scene without incident. A subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in discovering approximately three MDMA pills, approximately 0.049 grams of suspected heroin, a large knife, and drug paraphernalia. Hawkins is a convicted felon prohibited from possessing deadly weapons.

Both Hawkins and Watkins were transported from the scene to Troop 5. Hawkins was searched at Troop 5, and approximately 0.329 grams of additional suspected heroin was found concealed on her person. Each subject was charged with the following crimes:



Tracy Hawkins

Tracy Hawkins:

- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Tampering With Physical Evidence (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 2 counts

Hawkins was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$17,600 cash bond.



Gerald Watkins

Gerald Watkins:

- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Tampering With Physical Evidence (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 2 counts
- Traffic offenses

Watkins was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 3 and released on a \$14,501 unsecured bond.

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