

# Delaware State Police Arrest Subject for Multiple Tobacco Store Robberies

Delaware State Police have arrested 56-year-old **Donald Gladden** of New Castle, DE for robbery and other associated charges following an incident that occurred on Sunday afternoon.

On June 5, 2022 at approximately 12:50 p.m., troopers responded to the Tobacco Outlet located at 287 Christiana Road in New Castle regarding a robbery that had just occurred. The ensuing investigation revealed that the male suspect, later identified as Donald Gladden, had entered the business armed with a handgun. Gladden directed the victim to fill a bag with cartons of cigarettes before leaving the scene in a black pickup truck. Troopers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the truck, but Gladden fled from the area. While attempting to get away, the pickup truck struck a parked vehicle in the parking lot of Hank's House of Liquor in New Castle. Gladden exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Officers from multiple agencies gave chase to Gladden, and took him into custody a short time later without further incident.

Through investigative means, it was determined that Gladden had been the suspect in two other nearby tobacco store robberies that had occurred on May 27, 2022 and May 31, 2022.

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Gladden was transported to Troop 6, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Robbery First Degree (Felony) – 4 counts
- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony

(Felony)

- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest
- Criminal Mischief
- Traffic offenses

Gladden was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 11 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$83,000 cash bond.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Robbery Unit is currently investigating this incident. Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective R. Kirchenbauer by calling 302-365-8525. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#), contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, or via the internet at [www.delawarecrimestoppers.com](http://www.delawarecrimestoppers.com).

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and need assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit / [Delaware Victim Center](#) is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline at 1-800-VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at [DSP\\_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov](mailto:DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov).

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