Traffic Stop Leads to Weapon and Drug Arrest

Delaware State Police have arrested 36-year-old **Michael Bauer** of Dover, DE for firearm and other charges following a traffic stop that occurred in the Smyrna area on Sunday morning.

On June 26, 2022 at approximately 1:48 a.m., a trooper on patrol observed a black motorcycle traveling northbound on South Dupont Boulevard south of Carter Road at a high rate of speed. The trooper conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle on South Carter Road and made contact with the operator, identified as Michael Bauer. During the ensuing interaction with Bauer troopers learned that he was in possession of a firearm. Bauer was subsequently taken into custody at the scene without incident. A search of Bauer led to the discovery of a loaded 9-millimeter untraceable handgun and approximately 10.42 grams of marijuana. A computer check of Bauer revealed that he was a convicted felon prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Bauer was transported to Troop 9 and charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of an Untraceable Firearm (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Possession of Marijuana
- Numerous traffic offenses

Bauer was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 7 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on $40,007 secured bond.

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