Three Arrested on Felony Drug Charges Following Search Warrant

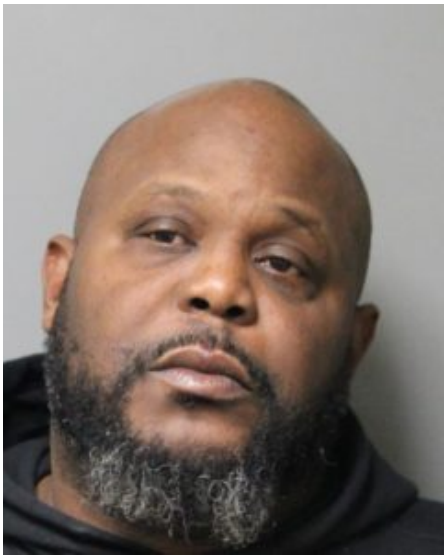
The Delaware State Police have arrested three people after concluding a several-month-long drug investigation in Millsboro.

On the evening of January 23, 2023, members of the Sussex Drug Unit, Sussex County Governor's Task Force, and Special Operations Response Team executed a search warrant at a residence on the 25000 block of Oak Street in Millsboro. When troopers entered the home, they were able to take **Christina Blades** into custody without incident. **Tomaris White** was taken into custody after he attempted to destroy narcotics. **Stephen Tankard** tried to flee from the residence, but he was taken into custody by troopers a short time later after he resisted arrest and attempted to hide outside. Tankard was taken to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries and was later released.

A search of the home led to the discovery of the following:

- Approximately 3.934 grams of packaged suspected heroin
- Approximately 3.67 grams of suspected raw heroin
- Approximately 6.84 grams of cocaine
- Approximately 21.46 grams of crack cocaine
- Over $4,300 in suspected drug dealing proceeds
- Numerous items of drug paraphernalia

White, Tankard, and Blades were taken to Troop 4 and charged with the following crimes:



Tomaris White

Tomaris White, 43, of Dover, Delaware:

- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in a Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in a Tier 2 Quantity (Felony)
- Operating a Clandestine Drug Laboratory (Felony)
- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 1 Quantity (Felony)
- Tampering With Physical Evidence (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

White was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on $116,200 cash bond.

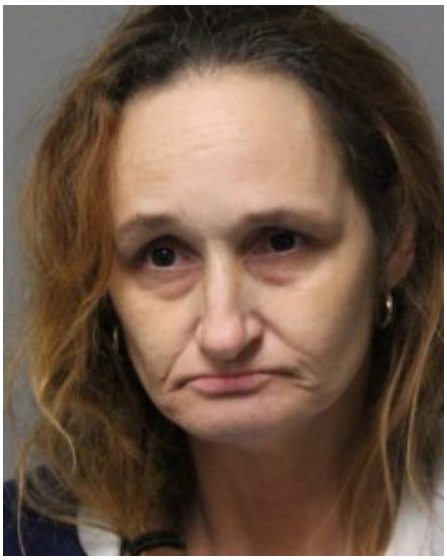


Stephen Tankard

Stephen Tankard, 58, of Millsboro, Delaware:

- Operating a Clandestine Drug Laboratory (Felony)
- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Maintaining a Drug Property (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 1 Quantity (Felony) – 2 counts
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Tankard was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and was released on his own recognizance.



Christina Blades

Christina Blades, 45, of Millsboro, Delaware:

- Operating a Clandestine Drug Laboratory (Felony)
- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony) – 3 counts
- Maintaining a Drug Property (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 1 Quantity (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Blades was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on her own recognizance.

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