Troopers Arrest Man for Felony DUI and Gun Charges

Last night the Delaware State Police arrested 46-year-old **Harold Hampton** of Felton, Delaware on gun and DUI charges following a traffic stop that occurred in the Camden area.

On January 28, 2023, at approximately 8:09 p.m., a trooper on patrol observed a gray 2004 Ford Taurus turn onto South State Street from Banning Road. The driver failed to use his turn signal and committed several other moving violations on South State Street. The trooper conducted a traffic stop and contacted the driver, identified as Harold Hampton. The trooper smelled alcohol coming from Hampton's breath and detected signs of impairment. Hampton was subsequently taken into custody without incident for DUI. A search of the Taurus led to the discovery of a handgun that was concealed under the front passenger seat. Computer checks showed that Hampton has two prior convictions for DUI and is also a convicted felon prohibited from possessing firearms.

Hampton was taken to Troop 3 and charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Firearm (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- 3rd Offense DUI (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm While Under the Influence
- Numerous traffic offenses

Hampton was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 7 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on $32,100 cash bond.

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