

Troopers Arrest Man During Burglary-in-Progress

The Delaware State Police have arrested 18-year-old **Joshua Sample** of Houston, Delaware for burglarizing a Harrington convenience store earlier this morning.

On February 17, 2023, at approximately 1:38 a.m., troopers responded to the Summit Mart located at 4478 Milford Harrington Highway after receiving reports of multiple alarm activations occurring at the closed business. Troopers arrived and noticed that a side window to the store was broken. Troopers gave announcements for the suspect to exit the business, and Joshua Sample was subsequently taken into custody without incident. Sample was wearing gloves and a mask and provided a false name to troopers. He was also found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and stolen store merchandise. Further investigation revealed that Sample and a second unknown suspect had burglarized the Summit Mart on both January 13 and January 25 as well.

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

- Burglary Third Degree (Felony) – 3 counts
- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Theft Over \$1,500 (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Theft Under \$1,500 – 2 counts
- Criminal Impersonation
- Criminal Mischief – 3 counts
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Sample was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 7 and was released on \$4,550 unsecured bond.

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