

# Troopers Arrest Man on Gun and Drug Charges Following Traffic Stop

The Delaware State Police have arrested 26-year-old **Malik Smith** of Camden-Wyoming, Delaware on gun and drug charges following a traffic stop that occurred yesterday morning in Dover.

On February 16, 2023, at approximately 10:56 a.m., a trooper on patrol observed a silver 2015 Mazda 3 traveling eastbound on Wyoming Avenue approaching South State Street. A computer check of the car's registration showed that the registered owner had a suspended driver's license and two active capiases. The trooper conducted a traffic stop on the Mazda and contacted the car owner and driver, identified as Malik Smith. The trooper smelled marijuana coming from inside of the vehicle, and Smith was taken into custody without incident. A probable cause search of the Mazda led to the discovery of a concealed handgun and approximately 7.78 grams of marijuana.

Smith was taken to Troop 3 and charged with the following offenses:

- Possession of a Firearm While Possessing a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession of Marijuana
- Driving While Suspended or Revoked

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

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