

State Police Arrest Two Males Following Carjacking and Pursuit

The Delaware State Police have arrested 18-year-old **Kymani Roberts** of Middletown, Delaware and a 17-year-old male after an attempted carjacking that occurred in Bear yesterday morning.

On February 17, 2023, at approximately 9:43 a.m., troopers responded to the LA Fitness located at 900 Eden Circle regarding an attempted carjacking. Troopers contacted the victim, a 48-year-old man from Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, who said that he had been seated in his locked car when he was approached by several subjects. One of the subjects tried to get into the back seat of his car while another stood at the driver's door and pointed a handgun at him, demanding that he get out and give him the keys. The victim complied and went into LA Fitness to report the incident. He was not injured.

The suspects were unable to properly reverse the victim's vehicle out of the parking space. They left the car in the parking lot and fled the scene in a Honda Accord that was seen traveling eastbound on Pulaski Highway. Troopers saw the Honda in the nearby area and attempted to stop the car, but the driver fled from the scene. Troopers pursued the car until it crashed in the area of East 4th Street at Swedes Landing in Wilmington. Driver Kymani Roberts attempted to run away from the crash, but he was taken into custody without incident. A search of the Accord led to the recovery of a black airsoft gun that closely resembled an actual handgun.

A second suspect from the carjacking, a 17-year-old male from New Castle, Delaware, was also located and detained on New Castle Avenue a short time later.

Both suspects were taken to Troop 2, where they were charged with the following crimes:

Kymani Roberts:

- Attempted Robbery First Degree (Felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal (Felony)
- Numerous traffic charges

Roberts was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$56,208 cash bond.

17-year-old male:

- Attempted Robbery First Degree (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree

The teen was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the New Castle County Detention Center on \$39,500 cash bond.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit is still actively investigating this incident. Troopers are asking for anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective J. Dempsey by calling 302-365-8370. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and need assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit / [Delaware Victim Center](#) is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline at 1-800-

VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov.

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