

Troopers Arrest Two Men on Felony Drug Charges

The Delaware State Police have arrested 26-year-old **Thomas Ponzo** of Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania and 32-year-old **Khyree Dacoste** of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on felony drug charges following an incident that occurred yesterday afternoon.

On March 10, 2023, troopers learned that Thomas Ponzo was using a 2021 Nissan Sentra to transport a significant amount of methamphetamine to a residence in Clayton. Troopers from the Kent County Governor's Task Force and assisting officers from Probation & Parole located the Sentra in the Clayton area and were able to take Ponzo into custody as he stood outside of the car. However, the driver of the Sentra, identified as Khyree Dacoste, began driving away from troopers. Troopers used a "Stop Stick" to deflate the Sentra's tires, and Dacoste was taken into custody a short distance away without further incident. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of approximately four pounds of methamphetamine.

Ponzo and Dacoste were taken to Troop 3 and charged with the following crimes:

Thomas Ponzo:

- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in a Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
- Tampering With Physical Evidence (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)

Khyree Dacoste:

- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in a Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)

- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
- Tampering With Physical Evidence (Felony)
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)

Ponzo and Dacoste were arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2. Ponzo was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$41,000 cash bond, and Dacoste was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$41,500 cash bond.

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