

# Troopers Arrest Woman for Mall Robbery

The Delaware State Police have arrested 29-year-old **Preyana White** of Newark, Delaware for robbery and other offenses after an incident that occurred at the Christiana Mall yesterday.

On March 15, 2023, at approximately 12:14 p.m., troopers responded to Nordstrom at the Christiana Mall in Newark regarding a robbery that had just occurred in the store. Troopers learned that a woman, later identified as Preyana White, had attempted to purchase several items but her card was declined at the cash register. When the 26-year-old cashier told White that her card had been declined, White approached her and threatened to pepper spray her if she did not hand over the merchandise. The cashier complied and White walked out of the store without paying for the items. The cashier was not injured or sprayed.

A trooper on patrol located White walking on Ramp G just outside of the mall a short time later. The trooper ordered White to stop but she began running away. The trooper chased White and was able to take her to the ground where she continued to physically resist arrest. White was eventually taken into custody and the stolen merchandise was recovered.

White, who initially provided a false name to police, was taken to Troop 6 and charged with the following crimes:

- Robbery Second Degree (Felony)
- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Possession of Shoplifter's Tools (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest With Force (Felony)
- Shoplifting
- Criminal Impersonation

White was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 11 and

committed to Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on \$44,000 cash bond.

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