

Troopers Arrest Man for Felony DUI Following Pursuit

The Delaware State Police have arrested 48-year-old **Rodney Hearn** of Georgetown, Delaware for felony DUI and other offenses following a vehicle pursuit that occurred early this morning in Bridgeville.

On March 20, 2023, at approximately 1:23 a.m., a trooper on patrol observed a silver 2004 Kia Spectra turn left onto Coverdale Road from Mill Park Drive. The driver of the Kia failed to properly signal, and the trooper attempted to stop the car on Coverdale Road at Seashore Highway. However, the driver did not stop on command and began speeding away northbound on Chaplains Chapel Road. The trooper pursued the Kia until it came to a stop on Tuckers Road west of Oak Road. The driver, identified as Rodney Hearn, was subsequently taken into custody without incident. Hearn showed signs of impairment and was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and approximately .38 grams of crack cocaine that he had attempted to destroy. Computer checks showed that Hearn has three prior convictions for DUI.

Hearn was taken to Troop 5 and charged with the following offenses:

- 4th Offense DUI (Felony)
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal (Felony)
- Tampering With Physical Evidence (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Numerous traffic violations

Hearn was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$15,211 cash bond.

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