Troopers Arrest Man for DUI and Felony Shoplifting

The Delaware State Police have arrested 34-year-old **Steven Cornish** of Seaford, Delaware for felony shoplifting and other offenses following an investigation and traffic stop that occurred on Saturday evening.

On April 22, 2023, at approximately 6:44 p.m., troopers responded to the Coach Outlet located at 34986 Midway Outlet Drive in Rehoboth Beach regarding a shoplifting that had just occurred. Troopers arrived and learned that an unknown man had entered the store and stole numerous handbags that had been on a display table. The handbags were valued at over $3,700 in total, and the suspect left the area driving in a white Dodge Caravan.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., troopers on patrol in Greenwood found the Caravan parked at the Valero gas station located at 12712 Sussex Highway. Troopers contacted the driver, identified as Steven Cornish, and observed signs of impairment and smelled marijuana. Troopers also contacted Cornish's passenger, a 30-year-old man who was in need of adult support for his mental health diagnoses. Cornish was the designated caretaker for the man at the time. Troopers then found and recovered the stolen handbags from inside of the caravan.

Cornish was taken into custody without incident and taken to Troop 5, where he was charged with the following offenses:

- Shoplifting Over $1,500 (Felony)
- Reckless Endangering Second Degree
- Crime Against a Vulnerable Adult (Felony)
- Driving Under the Influence of Drugs
- Driving While Suspended or Revoked

Cornish was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 3 and

committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on $4,500 cash bond.

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