

Man Arrested for 5th Offense DUI

On Friday afternoon, the Delaware State Police arrested 69-year-old **Louis Morelli** of Lewes, Delaware for felony DUI after a traffic stop that occurred in Lewes.

On May 19, 2023, at approximately 1:00 p.m., a trooper on patrol observed a blue Honda Accord traveling westbound on Lewes Georgetown Highway near the intersection at Dairy Farm Road. The trooper saw the Accord accelerate and pass several vehicles without signaling, and the driver of the Accord nearly caused an accident at the intersection of Dairy Farm Road and Beaver Dam Road. The trooper stopped the Accord and contacted the driver, identified as Louis Morelli. During their interaction, the trooper detected signs of impairment with Morelli, and Morelli was subsequently taken into custody for DUI. A computer check showed that Morelli has four prior convictions for DUI.

Morelli was taken to Troop 7 and charged with 5th Offense DUI (felony) and numerous traffic violations. He was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$7,000 secured bond.

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