

Troopers Arrest Man on Gun and Drug Charges

Last night, the Delaware State Police arrested 46-year-old **Charles Riddick** of Norristown, Pennsylvania on gun and drug charges after he was stopped in Laurel for an expired registration.

On August 20, 2023, at approximately 10:03 p.m., a trooper on patrol observed a black Volvo sedan traveling northbound on Sussex Highway just south of Gordy Road. The car's registration had expired in October 2021, and the trooper stopped the Volvo on Sussex Highway. The trooper spoke with the driver and registered owner, identified as Charles Riddick, and discovered that Riddick had a suspended driver's license.

The trooper searched the car prior to it being towed from the scene. During the search, the trooper found a loaded handgun, a set of brass knuckles, approximately .15 grams of cocaine, and drug paraphernalia.

Riddick, a convicted felon prohibited from possessing firearms, was arrested and taken to Troop 5, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm While Possessing a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Firearm (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 2 counts
- Traffic offenses

Riddick was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$31,275 cash

bond.