State Police Investigating Home Invasion in Smyrna

The Delaware State Police are investigating a home invasion that occurred Tuesday night in Smyrna. Troopers are seeking the public's assistance locating the suspect, 33-year-old **Steven Mauthe** of Smyrna, Delaware, for multiple felony offenses.

On April 15, 2025, at approximately 8:39 p.m., troopers responded to a residence on Ivy Ridge Court in Smyrna, for a report of a home invasion and assault. The preliminary investigation revealed that Steven Mauthe entered the residence, which was occupied by the homeowner and a 76-year-old man, both of whom are acquaintances of Mauthe. Mauthe proceeded to get into an argument with the 76-year-old victim, during which he punched the victim's face multiple times. Mauthe fled from the home; however, returned a couple minutes later, repeatedly punched the victim in the face, and then fled on foot in an unknown direction.

The victim was taken to an area hospital by EMS for his injuries. The homeowner was not injured. Troopers conducted a search of the area for Mauthe, but were unable to locate him.

Troopers continue investigating this incident, and are asking for anyone with information regarding this case or Steven Mauthe's whereabouts to contact Corporal N. Mongiello by calling Troop 9 at 302-378-5749. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the **Delaware State Police** or contacting **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-847-3333.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and need assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit

/ **Delaware Victim Center** is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline at 1-800-VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at **DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov**.