

# **\*Update – Suspect Arrested\***

## **State Police Investigating Home Invasion in Smyrna**

The Delaware State Police arrested 33-year-old **Steven Mauthe** of Smyrna, Delaware, for multiple felony offenses stemming from a home invasion that occurred in April in Smyrna.

[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.

On July 27, 2025, troopers made contact with Mauthe on an unrelated complaint in Townsend, and took him into custody without incident. Mauthe was taken to Troop 9, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 7, and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$60,000 cash bond.

- Home Invasion Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Felony)
- Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Felony)