

State Police Arrest Smyrna Man After Stolen Vehicle Pursuit

Delaware State Police have arrested 37-year-old **Adrian Waters** of Smyrna, Delaware, on multiple charges following a pursuit of a stolen vehicle early Tuesday morning.

On August 12, 2025, at approximately 1:23 a.m., a Caroline County Sheriff's Office deputy saw a Mazda CX-5 that was reported stolen through the Smyrna Police Department traveling on Halltown Road near Crown Stone Road, near the Maryland – Delaware state line. The deputy pulled it over and contacted the driver, identified as Adrian Waters, who was wanted on felony charges from Smyrna Police Department. During the traffic stop, Waters sped away. In the ensuing pursuit, the Mazda entered Delaware and came to a stop on Westville Road after troopers deployed stop sticks. Waters was taken into custody after the Mazda collided with a fully-marked State Police Tahoe. The trooper was not injured.

During a search of the stolen Mazda, troopers found an Oxycodone pill and drug paraphernalia. Waters showed signs of impairment, and he was taken to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

After being released from the hospital, Waters was arrested and taken to Troop 3. He was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 7, and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$23,900 cash bond.

- Reckless Endangering 1st Degree (Felony)
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal (Felony)

- Receiving or Transferring a Stolen Vehicle (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Driving Under the Influence of Drugs
- Driving Without a Valid License