

State Police Arrest Man on Gun and Drug Charges Following Traffic Stop in Laurel

Delaware State Police have arrested 36-year-old **Jeremy Cooper** of Laurel, Delaware, for gun and drug charges following a traffic stop last night in Laurel.

On October 9, 2025, at approximately 10:12 p.m., a trooper on patrol saw a Dodge Dakota traveling on Georgetown Road near Sussex Highway in Laurel with a registration violation. The trooper pulled the truck over in the parking lot of Hardee's, located at 30759 Sussex Highway, and spoke to the driver, identified as Jeremy Cooper. While talking to Cooper, he did not provide registration or insurance information for the truck. After another computer check, troopers spoke to Cooper again and learned there was a sawed-off shotgun in the truck. He was detained without incident.

During a search of the Dodge, troopers located the following items:

- Sawed-off .410-gauge shotgun
- .410-gauge, 12-gauge, and 20-gauge shotgun ammunition
- Various rifle ammunition
- 2 .556 caliber magazines
- Approximately 0.1 grams of methamphetamines
- Drug paraphernalia

Cooper was arrested and taken to Troop 5, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 7, and released on a \$10,100 unsecured bond.



- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon – Firearm (Felony)
- Possession of a Destructive Weapon – Sawed-Off Shotgun (Felony)
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited Who Also Possesses a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled or Counterfeit Substance Except Human Growth Hormone Without a Prescription
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

- Failure to Have Required Insurance
- Operation of an Unregistered Motor Vehicle
- Fictitious or Canceled Registration