State Police Arrest Georgetown Man for Guns, Drugs, and Explosive Devices

Delaware State Police have arrested 61-year-old **David Godwin**, of Georgetown, Delaware after pipe bombs, hoax devices, guns, and drugs were found following a domestic-related assault investigation.

On November 10, 2025, at approximately 1:00 p.m., troopers responded to the 17000 block of McColley's Chapel Road in Georgetown for a domestic-related assault. When troopers arrived, they learned that David Godwin was in possession of a handgun while he was involved in a fight with a family member and tried to assault the victim with a club. After the fight, Godwin fled the residence. Troopers attempted but were unable to locate Godwin and obtained a warrant for his arrest. The victim was treated by EMS and refused transport to the hospital.

On November 11, 2025, troopers responded back to the residence, contacted Godwin, and arrested him without incident. While conducting a check of the residence, as part of the domestic violence investigation, troopers found drugs, guns, and what appeared to be homemade pipe bombs. Due to the circumstances, the Delaware State Police Explosives Ordnance Disposal Unit responded to the scene, removed the devices and rendered them safe. Detectives secured the scene and obtained a search warrant for the property.

On November 12, 2025, detectives executed the search warrant for the property. The Delaware State Police Explosives Ordnance Disposal Unit, assisted by the Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office, FBI, and ATF, found more potential pipe bombs and hoax devices.

During the search of the property, detectives found the following items:

- 4 pipe bombs
- 5 pipe bombs (hoax devices)
- Altered claymore mine (hoax device)
- Altered novelty/plastic grenade (hoax device)
- Approximately 9.1 grams of methamphetamines
- 27 marijuana plants
- .22 caliber rifle
- 3 – .223 caliber rifles
- 2 – .22 caliber handguns
- .380 caliber handgun
- .45 caliber handgun
- .357 caliber handgun
- Assorted ammunition

On November 11, 2025, Godwin was arrested and taken to Troop 5, where he was charged with the crimes related to the assault, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution. On November 12, 2025, Godwin was charged with the crimes related to the search warrant, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and remains committed on a $280,000 cash and secured bond.

- Possession of Destructive Weapon – Bomb (Felony) – 4 counts
- Possess, Transports, Uses, or Causes Another to Transport, Use or Place any Hoax Device (Felony) – 7 counts
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon, Semi Auto, or Auto, by a Person Prohibited Who Also Possesses a Controlled Substance (Felony) – 9 counts
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance

(Felony) – 2 counts

- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Terroristic Threatening
- Assault 3rd Degree