

Search Warrant in Laurel Leads to Arrests for Drug and Weapon Offenses

The Delaware State Police have arrested 57-year-old **David Vasquez** and 27-year-old **Bethany Dean**, both from Laurel, Delaware, for felony drug and weapon charges following a search warrant in Laurel.

On November 18, 2025, members of the Sussex County Drug Unit and the Sussex County Governor's Task Force executed a search warrant at a residence on the 31000 block of East Trap Pond Road in Laurel. The search warrant was obtained following an investigation of David Vasquez and Bethany Dean for the distribution of illegal narcotics from the residence. Before the search warrant, Vasquez was seen leaving the residence in a Dodge Ram. Detectives pulled the Ram over, and Vasquez was detained without incident. During the search warrant, Dean was detained in the residence.

A search of the residence led to the discovery of the following items:

- Approximately 161.11 grams of powder cocaine
- Approximately 12.63 grams of crack cocaine
- Approximately 1.62 grams of heroin
- Approximately 9.62 grams of methamphetamine
- 91 oxycodone pills
- 10 gabapentin pills
- 5 escitalopram pills
- 4 knives greater than 3 inches in length

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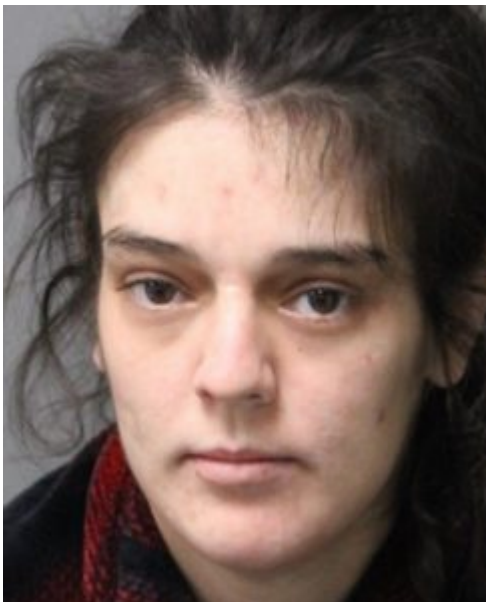
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 - Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony) – 4 counts
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