

Update – Suspect Arrested

State Police Investigating Armed Robbery and Carjacking in Wilmington

The Delaware State Police arrested 19-year-old **Rashawn Chappell**, of Dover, Delaware, in connection with a [robbery and carjacking](#) that occurred at a Wilmington shopping center in late January.

On January 28, 2026, at approximately 8:30 p.m., troopers responded to a shopping center in the 1900 block of Maryland Avenue in Wilmington, for a report of an armed robbery. The preliminary investigation revealed two male suspects, armed with handguns, approached a man who was seated inside his Toyota Corolla. The suspects ordered the victim out of his car and made him lay on the ground. One suspect stole cash from the victim before both suspects drove away in the victim's vehicle. The victim was not injured during the incident.

Nearly an hour later, troopers spotted the stolen Toyota Corolla near East 27th Street and Rosemont Avenue in Wilmington. The vehicle was occupied by two men who, upon seeing the trooper's patrol car, ran away leaving the Corolla behind.

The suspects were described as males with slim builds, approximately 16 to 20 years old, wearing dark-colored clothing, and ski masks.

Through investigative means, detectives identified Chappell as one of the suspects.

On February 5, 2025, troopers apprehended Chappell in Dover without incident.

Chappell was taken to Troop 2 where he was charged with the below listed offenses, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on a \$134,000 cash bond.

- Robbery First Degree (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives ask anyone with information relevant to the investigation to contact Detective D. Armstrong at (302) 365-8440. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime, or you have lost a loved one to a sudden death and need assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit / [Delaware Victim Center](#) is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline at 1-800-VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov.