

State Police Arrest Maryland Man for Attempted Burglary in Marydel

The Delaware State Police have arrested 19-year-old **Ryan Harding**, of Henderson, Maryland, for attempted burglary and related charges.

On February 8, 2026, detectives began investigating an attempted burglary at Smoke Needs, located at 825 Halltown Road in Marydel. Detectives learned that during the overnight hours, an unknown suspect, wearing dark clothing, gloves, and mask, attempted to force entry into the business with a hammer. On February 15, 2026, at approximately 2:15 a.m., detectives saw a Toyota Camry park on Halltown Road near Smoke Needs and contacted the driver, identified as Ryan Harding, who was wearing dark clothing and latex gloves. He was detained without incident. Through investigative means, detectives learned that Harding was planning to burglarize the business and identified him as the suspect in the previous burglary attempt. Detectives found burglary tools in the Camry following a consent search of the car.

Harding was arrested and taken to Troop 3, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 3, and released on a \$3,100 unsecured bond.



- Attempted Burglary 3rd Degree (Felony) – 2 counts
- Possession of Burglar Tools (Felony) – 2 counts
- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Criminal Mischief under \$1,000 – Damage Property