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

The Delaware State Police have arrested 49-year-old **William Charleston** and 47-year-old **Jerome Charleston**, both of Bridgeville, Delaware, for felony drug and weapons charges following a search warrant last week in Bridgeville.

On August 7, 2026, members of the Sussex County Special Investigations Unit and Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team, executed a search warrant at a property on the 21000 block of Mill Park Drive in Bridgeville. The search warrant was obtained following an investigation of William and Jerome Charleston for the distribution of illegal narcotics from the property. A child was present during the search warrant, and both suspects were detained without incident.

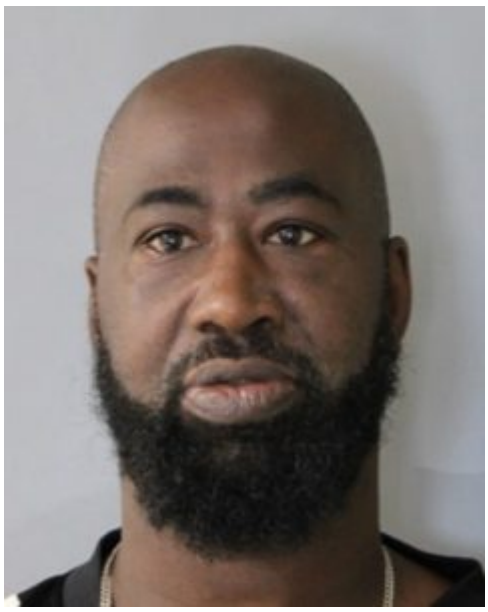
A search of the residence and vehicles on the property led to the discovery of the following items:

- Approximately 85.19 grams of crack cocaine
- Approximately 1.23 grams of heroin
- .32 caliber handgun
- Assorted ammunition
- Digital scale and drug paraphernalia
- $1,410 in suspected drug proceeds

William Charleston was arrested and taken to Troop 4, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by the Justice of the Peace, and released on a $111,600 unsecured bond.

- Manufacture, Deliver, Possession with Intent to Deliver, a Controlled Substance, Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession of Controlled Substance, Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
- Unlawful to Knowingly Operate or Attempt to Operate a Clandestine Laboratory (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree – Agreement to Engage in Felony Criminal Conduct (Felony)
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child by Committing a Drug Offense with a Child in the Dwelling
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Jerome Charleston was arrested and taken to Troop 4, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by the Justice of the Peace, and committed to the Department of Correction on a $215,100 cash bond.



- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possess, Purchase, Own, or Control a Firearm/Destructive Weapon if Previously Convicted of Two Violent Felonies on Separate Occasions (Felony)

- Possess, Purchase, Own, or Control of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited Prior Violent Crime or Felony (Felony)
- Manufacture, Deliver, Possession with Intent to Deliver, a Controlled Substance, Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
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- Manufacture, Deliver, Possession with Intent to Deliver, a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession of Controlled Substance, Tier 1 Quantity (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree – Agreement to Engage in Felony Criminal Conduct (Felony)
- Unlawful to Knowingly Operate or Attempt to Operate a Clandestine Laboratory (Felony)
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child by Committing a Drug Offense with a Child in the Dwelling
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia