

# State Police Arrest New York Man for Forgery and Theft

The Delaware State Police have arrested 32-year-old **Michael Smith** of Bronx, New York, for forgery and felony theft.

On February 2, 2026, troopers were contacted by a 75-year-old Milford woman who reported a fraud. When troopers spoke to the victim, they learned she had mailed a check to pay a bill and was notified that the payment was not received. She later found that \$6,000 had been withdrawn from her account. During the investigation, detectives learned that the check was intercepted, altered, and cashed at a bank in New York. Through investigative means, detectives identified Michael Smith as the suspect and obtained a warrant for his arrest.

On March 16, 2026, Smith turned himself in at Justice of the Peace Court 2. He was arrested and taken to Troop 7, where he was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and released on a \$5,000 unsecured bond.



- Forgery 2nd Degree – Alters Written Instrument of Another Person without Authority (Felony)
  - Theft \$1,500 or Greater and the Victim is 62 Years of Age or Older (Felony)
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## **\*Update – Victim Identified\***

# **State Police Investigating Single-Vehicle Fatal Crash in Harrington**

The Delaware State Police have identified 27-year-old **Elizabeth Draper** of Frederica, Delaware, as the woman who died in the [single-vehicle fatal crash](#) on Thursday night in Harrington.

The investigation is still ongoing by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Troopers ask

anyone who witnessed the crash or has any information to contact Master Corporal J. Lane at (302) 698-8457. 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.

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## **State Police Issues Sex Offender Notification**

The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (SOAR) is issuing the following public notification of a homeless sex offender.

### **Homeless Sex Offender**

The following individuals is not wanted for failing to register or re-register at their current address. This is a homeless sex offender public notification. If you have information that the listed individuals are occupying a residence, please call (302) 739-5882. Information may also be provided by contacting Delaware Crime Stoppers at (800) 847-3333. The individuals shown are those recently reported homeless and represent only a portion of the current homeless sex offenders. Please see the [Delaware Sex Offender Registry website](#) for the complete list.

BOWDEN, CARRIE L



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#### Registration Information (Homeless)

<b>Risk Level:</b>	Tier 3 (High Risk)
<b>Verified On:</b>	March 10, 2026
<b>Registered Since:</b>	February 3, 2026
<b>In Prison:</b>	No
<b>Convicted Out of State:</b>	No
<b>Repeat Offender:</b>	No

#### Police Agency of Jurisdiction

<b>Police Agency:</b>	DSP HEADQUARTERS
<b>Address:</b>	PO BOX 430 Dover, DE 19903
<b>Phone:</b>	3026592341

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# State Police Investigating Robbery at New Castle Convenience Store

The Delaware State Police is investigating a robbery that occurred early Friday morning at a convenience store in New Castle.

On Friday, March 13, 2026, at approximately 5:00 a.m., troopers responded to the Wawa located at 1515 North Dupont Highway, in New Castle, for a report of a robbery. The preliminary investigation revealed an unknown male suspect

entered the store, approached a clerk, and demanded money. When the clerk did not initially comply, the suspect walked behind the counter and continued demanding money while acting as if he was armed with a weapon. The clerk complied and the suspect stole an undisclosed amount of cash. The clerk was not injured. The suspect fled and entered a dark-colored SUV that was waiting on North Dupont Highway before leaving the area.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives ask anyone who witnessed or has information about this case to contact Detective J. Lucyk at (302) 365-8446. 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.

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## **State Police Investigating Single-Vehicle Fatal Crash in Harrington**

The Delaware State Police are investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash that occurred last night in Harrington.

On March 12, 2026, at approximately 7:05 p.m., a Nissan Pathfinder was traveling eastbound on Carpenters Bridge Road east of Jackson Ditch Road. The preliminary investigation revealed that the Pathfinder failed to negotiate a slight curve, ran off the north side of the roadway, and struck a tree.

The driver, a 27-year-old woman from Frederica, was taken to an area hospital where she died. Her name is being withheld until her family is notified.

The roadway was closed for approximately three hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is still ongoing by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed the crash or has any information to contact Master Corporal J. Lane at (302) 698-8457. 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.

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# State Police Investigating Fatal Two-Vehicle Head-On Crash in Hockessin

The Delaware State Police identified 65-year-old **Frank Keys**, of Landenberg, Pennsylvania, as the man who died in a [fatal two-vehicle head-on crash](#) Tuesday afternoon in Hockessin.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this crash. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed the crash or has relevant information to contact Corporal D. McKenna at (302) 365-8486. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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# State Police Investigating an Officer-Involved Shooting in Greenwood

The Delaware State Police is investigating an [officer-involved](#)

[shooting](#) that occurred on Wednesday in Greenwood while serving a warrant.

On March 11, 2026, at approximately 1:30 p.m., the Delaware State Police, including members of the Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) Unit, Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit, and the Special Operations Response Team (SORT), responded to the 11000 block of Wheatfield Road in Greenwood to execute a search warrant and apprehend 60-year-old **Jeffrey Mitchem**. Earlier in the day, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Threat Operations Center notified DSP of threatening online posts by Mitchem. He had also sent a picture of himself holding what appeared to be a black handgun to a State Police SOAR detective, along with an image of a coffin. Additionally, Mitchem was wanted by the Arlington County Police Department (Virginia) for felony terroristic threatening.

When troopers arrived, Mitchem barricaded himself in his camper and refused to come out. The DSP Crisis Management Team established contact with Mitchem, who repeatedly refused commands to surrender and threatened that he had a large amount of gunpowder and was holding the trigger to detonate. Mitchem was seen spreading what appeared to be an unknown powdery substance inside the camper, and he kept one hand hidden inside when he stepped outside the door, supporting his threats.

A trooper fired a single shot, hitting Mitchem in the arm. Following the shot, Mitchem threw a handgun out of the camper, exited, and was taken into custody without further incident.

Troopers provided first aid until emergency medical professionals arrived, and he was taken to an area hospital for serious injuries.

In accordance with DSP standard operating procedures for officer-involved shootings, the Homicide Unit assumed the investigation. Preliminarily, detectives determined that the

black handgun Mitchem threw from the camper was an airsoft pistol/replica of a Walther PPS M2 firearm. A search of the camper revealed that Mitchem had placed a 6.5-inch wooden-handled hunting-style knife on a shelf near the entrance where he was standing before being forced to surrender. Mitchem is prohibited from possessing a deadly weapon due to prior felony convictions. The DSP Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit confirmed that the unknown powdery substance was not explosive material.

Mitchem remains hospitalized. He was charged with the offenses listed below, arraigned by the Justice of the Peace Court 11, and turned over to the custody of the Delaware Department of Correction on a \$43,000 secured bond.



- Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Intent Threaten the Life of or Threatens Severe Physical Injury to Public Official or Public Servant (Felony) – 19 counts
- Resisting Arrest

The involved trooper has been placed on administrative leave while a use-of-force investigation is conducted in collaboration with the Delaware Department of Justice's Division of Civil Rights and Public Trust.

This is an active investigation, and detectives ask anyone with information about this case to contact Detective M. Csapo at (302) 741-2729. 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.

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## **State Police Investigating Shooting Incident on Route 1 in Smyrna**

The Delaware State Police is investigating a shooting incident that occurred Tuesday morning in Smyrna.

On March 10, 2026, at approximately 5:40 a.m., troopers responded to southbound Route 1 near Exit 119 for the report of a shooting. The preliminary investigation revealed that while traveling southbound on Route 1, an unknown male suspect in a light gray crossover-style SUV fired a firearm, striking the victim's black BMW twice. The BMW's driver, a 46-year-old Delaware man, and a passenger were not injured. After the shooting, the suspect vehicle continued southbound on Route 1.

The Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit is still investigating the incident. Detectives ask anyone who

witnessed or has information about this case to contact Detective J. Lucyk at (302) 365-8446. 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.

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## **Joint Drug Investigation Leads to Arrests for Felony Drug Offenses**

The Delaware State Police have arrested 25-year-old **Maddyan Ata**, 34-year-old **Mohamed Lamar**, both from Magnolia, Delaware, and 20-year-old **Alex Gomez-McDowell** of Dover, Delaware for felony drug offenses following a joint drug investigation with Delaware Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, and the DEA.

Beginning in June of 2025, detectives from the Kent County Drug Unit and Delaware Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement (DATE) began investigating Ali Baba Smoke Shop, located at 2131 South Dupont Highway in Dover, and Liberty Happy Gas Station, located at 50 West Birdie Lane in Magnolia for suspected large-scale distribution of drugs. Throughout the investigation, detectives identified Maddyan Ata, Mohamed Lamar, and Alex Gomez-McDowell as the suspects and obtained

warrants for their arrest. On **March 4, 2026**, detectives executed search warrants at the smoke shop and gas station that led to the discovery of the following items:

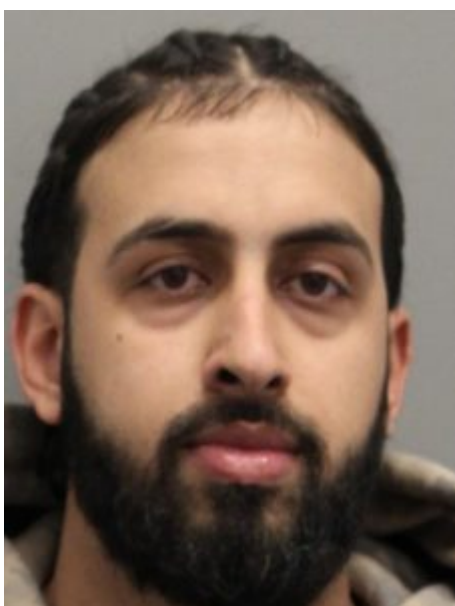
#### Ali Baba Smoke Shop

- Approximately 255 pounds of marijuana and marijuana products (THC vapes)
- Drug paraphernalia related to the illegal sale and distribution of marijuana
- Fake urine used to mask drug use and defeat drug testing
- Approximately 1,818g of OPIA 7-hydroxymitragynine pills

#### Liberty Happy Gas Station

- 130 Viagra pills
- 2 digital scales
- Drug paraphernalia

Ata was taken into custody at Probation and Parole without incident and taken to Troop 3. He was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$249,300 cash bond.



- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Tier 3 (Felony) – 2 counts
- Possession of a Controlled Substance, Tier 3 (Felony) – 2 counts
- Distribute, Deliver, Sell, Possession with Intent to Distribute a Drug Masking Product (Felony)
- Maintaining a Drug Property (Felony)
- Criminal Nuisance Conduct or Maintain Any Premise, Place, Resort for Unlawful Conduct
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

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Lamar was taken into custody at Liberty Happy Gas Station without incident and taken to Troop 3. He was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and released on a \$5,000 unsecured bond.



- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony) – 2 counts
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

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Gomez-McDowell was taken into custody at Ali Baba Smoke Shop without incident and taken to Troop 3. He was charged with the crimes listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court

2, and released on a \$10,000 unsecured bond.



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

Detectives ask anyone with information about this investigation to contact the Kent County Drug Unit by calling

302-698-8452. 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.

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# State Police Investigating Fatal Two-Vehicle Head-On Crash in Hockessin

The Delaware State Police is investigating a fatal two-vehicle head-on crash that occurred Tuesday afternoon in Hockessin.

On March 10, 2026, at approximately 1:30 p.m., a Chevrolet Silverado was traveling southbound on Lancaster Pike, south of Mc Govern Road. At the same time, a Hyundai Sonata was traveling northbound on Lancaster Pike, south of Mc Govern Road. For reasons currently being investigated, the Hyundai crossed over the double yellow line and crashed head-on into the Chevrolet.

The driver of the Hyundai, a 65-year-old man from Landenberg, Pennsylvania, was taken to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.

The driver of the Chevrolet, a 79-year-old man from Hockessin, Delaware, was taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The [roadway was closed](#) for approximately three hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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who witnessed the crash or has relevant information to contact Corporal D. McKenna at (302) 365-8486. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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