

Update – Victim Identified

State Police Investigating Single-Vehicle Fatal Crash in Laurel

The Delaware State Police has identified 26-year-old **Yeyson Perez-Ortiz** of Laurel, Delaware, as the man who died in a [single-vehicle fatal crash](#) on Saturday morning in Laurel.

The investigation is still ongoing by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed the crash or has any information to contact Master Corporal K. Argo at (302) 703-3264. 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 has lost a loved one to a sudden death and needs 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.

State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash in

Wilmington

The Delaware State Police is investigating a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred Friday afternoon in Wilmington.

On February 27, 2026, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a Harley-Davidson was traveling north on DuPont Highway (US 13) approaching the intersection with Millside Drive in Wilmington. At the same time, a Lexus UX was stopped behind a Mitsubishi Mirage in the left turn lane at that intersection. For reasons still under investigation, the motorcycle collided with the rear of the Lexus. As a result, the motorcyclist was ejected from the Harley-Davidson, and the Lexus was pushed into the Mitsubishi.

The motorcyclist, a 29-year-old male from New Castle, Delaware, was transported to a nearby hospital, where he died. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.

The roadway was closed for approximately three hours for the preliminary crash investigation.

The investigation is still ongoing by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed the crash or has any information to contact Master Corporal R. Kunicki at (302) 365-8417. 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 Laurel

The Delaware State Police is investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash that occurred Saturday morning in Laurel.

On February 28, 2026, at approximately 2:25 a.m., a Chevrolet S10 was traveling westbound on Laurel Road west of Curley Road, in Laurel. For reasons currently under investigation, the vehicle failed to negotiate a slight curve and ran off the south edge of the roadway. The vehicle then entered a deep ditch, struck a tree, and overturned onto its roof.

The driver, a 26-year-old man from Laurel, was not wearing his seatbelt and was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.

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State Police Issues Sex Offender Notifications

The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (SOAR) is issuing the following public notifications of homeless and wanted sex offenders.

Wanted Sex Offenders

SOAR is currently looking for the following wanted sex offenders after they either failed to register or re-register at their current address. If anyone knows the location of these individuals, please call (302) 739-5882. Information may also be provided by contacting Delaware Crime Stoppers at (800) 847-3333. The individuals shown represent only a portion of the current wanted sex offenders. Please see the [Delaware Sex Offender Registry website](#) for the complete list.

FULTON , CHARLES A



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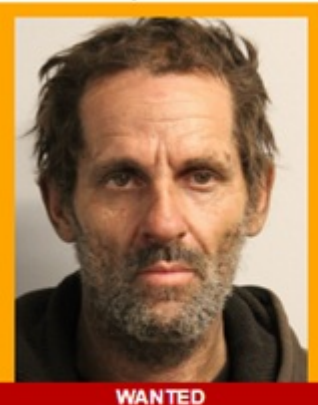
Registration Information

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	April 22, 2025
Registered Since:	March 4, 2024
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	Yes
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	TROOP 6 STATE POLICE
Address:	3301 KIRKWOOD HWY PRICES CORNER Wilmington , DE 19808
Phone:	3026335000

MARTZ , JOHN A



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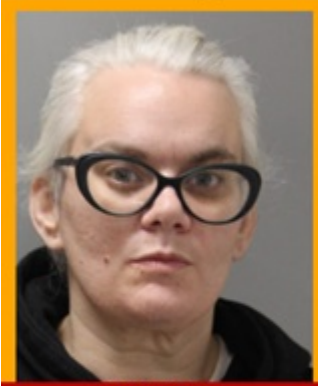
Registration Information

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	April 14, 2025
Registered Since:	March 10, 2004
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	TROOP 9 STATE POLICE
Address:	414 MAIN STREET ODESSA , DE 19730
Phone:	3023785218

SCHONWIT , MOLLIE ANNE



WANTED

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Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	August 18, 2025
Registered Since:	March 22, 2013
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
Address:	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
Phone:	3026592341

STEVENS , ROY



WANTED

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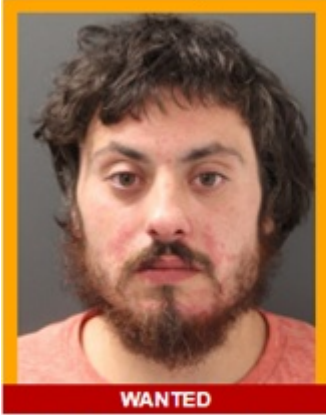
Registration Information

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	September 19, 2023
Registered Since:	September 14, 2004
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	TROOP 3 STATE POLICE
Address:	3759 SOUTH STATE STREET CAMDEN , DE 19934
Phone:	3026974454

VISCOUNT , MICHAELA



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Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	March 4, 2025
Registered Since:	July 2, 2016
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
Address:	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
Phone:	3026592341

Homeless Sex Offenders

The following individuals are 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.

BULLINS JR, JAMES P



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Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	February 24, 2026
Registered Since:	August 12, 2022
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
Address:	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
Phone:	3026592341

HICKS , BRANDON



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Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	February 25, 2026
Registered Since:	March 14, 2008
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
Address:	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
Phone:	3026592341

MCCRAY, JAMES



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Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	February 26, 2026
Registered Since:	July 13, 1999
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
Address:	PO BOX 430 Dover, DE 19903
Phone:	3026592341

State Police Arrest New Jersey Man in Pepper Spray Assault at Newark Convenience Store

The Delaware State Police arrested 52-year-old **Aldo Funari II**, of Carneys Point Township, New Jersey, in connection with a pepper spray assault that occurred Thursday afternoon at a Newark convenience store.

On February 26, 2026, at approximately 12:30 p.m., troopers responded to the Wawa located at 274 East Chestnut Hill Road for a report of an assault. The preliminary investigation revealed two drivers became involved in a verbal dispute after one accused the other of crashing into their vehicle. During the argument, Funari sprayed the other driver in their eyes with pepper spray.

The victim, a 69-year-old man from Newark, was treated on

scene by emergency medical services and released.

Funari was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 6. He was charged with Assault Second Degree (Felony), arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and released on a \$2,500 unsecured bond.

105th Delaware State Police and 101st Municipal Police Recruit Class Graduation

Colonel William D. Crotty, the Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, proudly announces the graduation of the **105th Delaware State Police and 101st Municipal Police Recruit Class.**

On February 19, 2026, a graduation ceremony was held at Dover Middle School to commemorate the successful completion of the Delaware State Police Training Academy. There, 20 Delaware State Troopers and 9 Municipal Police Officers, representing the Delaware Natural Resources Police, the Georgetown Police Department, the Middletown Police Department, and the Millsboro Police Department, were recognized, marking the beginning of their careers in public service.

In addition to a message from one of their own, Trooper Gabriel Hayes, who was selected by his classmates to address the class and guests, the program also included messages to the class from:

Governor Matthew Meyer
State of Delaware

State Prosecutor Dan Logan
Delaware Department of Justice

Secretary Joshua A. Bushweller
Department of Safety and Homeland Security

Colonel William D. Crotty
Superintendent of the Delaware State Police

In recognition of exemplary achievements, the following awards
were presented:

Trooper David Hernandez
Delaware State Police Academy Physical Fitness Award

Trooper Maximillian Schwetje
Outstanding Proficiency in Police Firearms Award

Patrolman Keishawn Mansfield, Georgetown Police Department
Outstanding Proficiency in Police Firearms Award

Patrolman Horace Rose, Georgetown Police Department
Delaware State Police Academy Core Value Award

Trooper Maximillian Schwetje
The Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security Award

Patrolman Autumn Potter, Millsboro Police Department
The Attorney General's Award for Legal Excellence

Officer Eric Johnson, Middletown Police Department
Delaware Association of Chiefs of Police Award

Trooper Gabriel Hayes
Governor's Outstanding Recruit Trooper Award



105th Delaware State Police Recruit Class

Trooper Damian Alexander

Trooper Justin Altemus

Trooper Gavin Burton

Trooper Shawn Church

Trooper Jonathan Crist

Trooper Gracie Frech

Trooper Nicolas Gaspich

Trooper Miller Gladding

Trooper Gabriel Hayes

Trooper Raymond Hearn

Trooper David Hernandez

Trooper Jacob Hudson

Trooper Stovenscolv Larochelle

Trooper Macy Layfield

Trooper Courtney McCloskey

Trooper Brendan McKewen

Trooper Carlton North

Trooper Tyler Sareyka

Trooper Maximillian Schwetje

Trooper Brock Vincent

101st Municipal Police Recruit Class

Officer Spencer Failing, Delaware Natural Resources Police

Officer Gabriel Martin, Delaware Natural Resources Police

Patrolman Alec Barr, Georgetown Police Department

Patrolman Keishawn Mansfield, Georgetown Police Department

Patrolman Dominick Redshaw, Georgetown Police Department

Patrolman Horace Rose, Georgetown Police Department

Officer Eric Johnson, Middletown Police Department

Officer Yordi Ventura, Middletown Police Department

Patrolman Autumn Potter, Millsboro Police Department

State Police Arrest Wilmington Man for 5th Offense DUI

The Delaware State Police arrested 54-year-old **Kevin Markle**, of Wilmington, Delaware, on felony 5th offense driving under the influence and related charges following a traffic stop Tuesday night in Elsmere.

On February 24, 2026, at approximately 9:00 p.m., a trooper was patrolling Kirkwood Highway, near South Dupont Road, in Elsmere, when a Toyota Tundra made a U-turn from eastbound Kirkwood Highway onto westbound Kirkwood Highway, at South Dupont Road. During the turn, the vehicle drove onto a sidewalk before returning to the roadway. The trooper also observed the Tundra had an equipment violation.

The trooper initiated a traffic stop and contacted the driver, who was identified as Kevin Markle. While talking to Markle, the trooper observed several signs of impairment and saw multiple open cans of beer inside the Tundra. Markle was asked to perform Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, during which he continued to display signs of impairment.

Markle was taken into custody without incident. A computer check revealed he had four prior DUI convictions.

Markle was taken to Troop 6 where he was charged with 5th Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (Felony) and related traffic offenses, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 11, and released on a \$1,100 unsecured bond.

Update – Suspect Arrested

State Police Investigating Armed Robbery at a Claymont Pharmacy

The Delaware State Police arrested a 16-year-old male, from Wilmington, Delaware, on robbery and related felony charges in connection with an [armed robbery](#) that occurred last December at a Claymont pharmacy.

On December 24, 2025, at approximately 9:50 a.m., troopers responded to a report of an armed robbery at Darley Pharmacy, located at 111 Darley Road in Claymont. The preliminary investigation revealed that an unknown white male suspect entered the business, displayed a handgun, and demanded money from the register. The employee complied, and during the robbery, the suspect demanded a customer's property. The customer also complied, and the suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cash and property. No one was hurt. The Delaware State Police Criminal Investigations Unit took over the case and learned the suspect wore a face covering to conceal his identity.

During the course of the investigation, detectives learned that the New Castle County Police Department Major Crimes Unit was investigating the same 16-year-old in an unrelated case. County detectives found evidence linking the teen to the Darley Pharmacy robbery and shared that information with state police detectives. Troopers continued the investigation and identified additional evidence connecting the teen to the incident. Investigators also discovered the 16-year-old had a prior felony conviction for an armed robbery he committed in 2024.

On February 24, 2026, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for the teen, who was already in custody at the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families on unrelated charges. He was charged with the below listed offenses, arraigned by the New Castle County Family Court, and remained committed on a \$106,000 cash bond.

- Robbery First Degree (Felony) – 2 counts
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm if Previously Convicted of a Violent Felony (Felony)
- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Receiving Stolen Property Value Over \$1500 (Felony)

State Police Conclude Multi-Month Metal Theft Investigation with Two Arrests

The Delaware State Police arrested 32-year-old **Mark Hartnett**, of Wilmington, Delaware, and 38-year-old **Thomas Drummond**, of Newport, Delaware, on felony theft and related charges following a multi-month investigation into a series of metal thefts at businesses throughout New Castle County.

During the fall of 2025, troopers responded to multiple

businesses in New Castle County for reports of metal thefts. The Delaware State Police Criminal Investigations Unit assumed the investigation and learned the following:

On September 30, 2025, at approximately 2:15 a.m., two unknown suspects unlawfully entered a business property in the unit block of King Court in New Castle. The suspects removed approximately 200 pounds of aluminum wire and caused damage to the property before fleeing.

In the early morning hours of November 14, 2025, two individuals matching the same description entered another business property in the unit block of King Court in New Castle. The suspects stole several hundred pounds of HVAC-related materials and fled the area.

On November 27, 2025, at approximately 6:00 p.m., the suspects entered a business property in the 100 block of Carson Drive in Bear and forced their way into a box truck. They stole several spools of copper wire from the truck before fleeing the area.

On December 16, 2025, at approximately 3:40 a.m., the same suspects entered a business property in the 800 block of Powder Mill Road in Wilmington. They cut copper wire from a building which damaged the business, then fled.

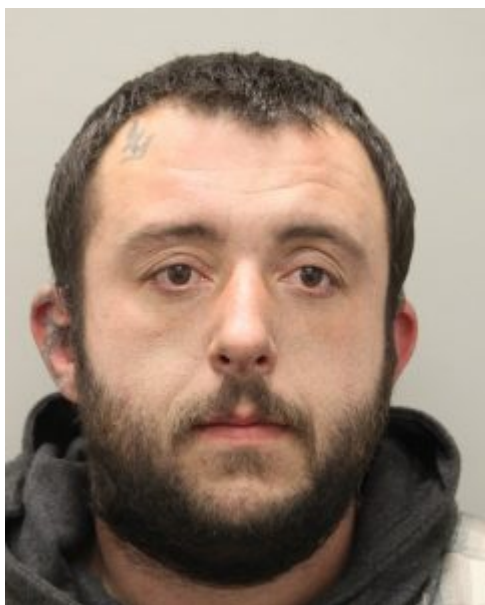
On December 29, 2025, at approximately 4:30 a.m., the pair returned to a business in the unit block of King Court in New Castle. The suspects cut their way into a fence in search of more metal, however the business previously removed all items, and the suspects left empty handed.

On January 25, 2026, at approximately 4:40 a.m., the suspects again targeted the business in the 800 block of Powder Mill Road in Wilmington. They removed several hundred feet of copper wire and caused additional damage before fleeing. At the time of this incident, a weather-related State of Emergency with a Level 2 driving restriction was in effect.

Throughout the investigation, detectives observed that the suspects wore face coverings during the crimes to conceal their identities. In total, the suspects stole approximately \$21,500 worth of materials and caused an estimated \$78,800 in damage to the affected businesses.

Through investigative efforts, detectives identified the suspects as Hartnett and Drummond. Additionally, detectives learned Hartnett visited multiple scrap metal facilities and sold materials that were previously stolen from the businesses. Detectives obtained warrants for their arrests.

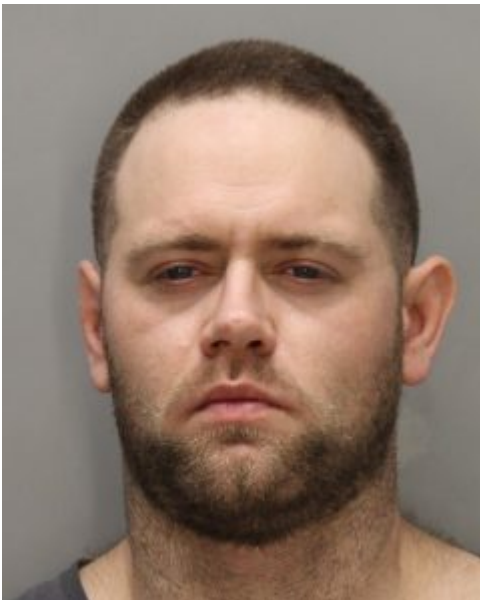
On February 20, 2026, detectives located Hartnett in Wilmington and apprehended him without incident. He was taken to Troop 6 where he was charged with the below listed offenses, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 11, and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on a \$52,404 secured bond. He was later released after posting bail.



- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony (Felony) – 3 counts
- Possession of Burglar Tools (Felony)
- Burglary Third Degree (Felony)

- Theft \$1,500 or Greater (Felony) – 2 counts
 - Criminal Mischief \$5000 or More Damage Property (Felony) – 3 counts
 - Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony) – 4 counts
 - Conspiracy Third Degree
 - Theft Under \$1500 – 3 counts
 - Attempted to Commit Theft Under \$1500
 - Selling Stolen Property Under \$1500 – 4 counts
 - Criminal Mischief \$1000 but Less Than \$5000 Damage Property
 - Criminal Mischief Under \$1000 Damage Property
 - Criminal Trespass Second Degree – 2 counts
 - Fail to Obey Emergency Order
 - Criminal Trespass Third Degree – 4 counts
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On February 23, 2026, troopers located Drummond in New Castle and apprehended him without incident. He was charged with the below listed offenses, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 11, and released after posting a \$9,400 secured bond.



- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony (Felony) – 3 counts
- Possession of Burglar Tools (Felony)
- Burglary Third Degree (Felony)

- Theft \$1,500 or Greater (Felony) – 2 counts
 - Criminal Mischief \$5000 or More Damage Property (Felony) – 3 counts
 - Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony) – 4 counts
 - Conspiracy Third Degree
 - Theft Under \$1500 – 3 counts
 - Attempted to Commit Theft Under \$1500
 - Criminal Mischief \$1000 but Less Than \$5000 Damage Property
 - Criminal Mischief Under \$1000 Damage Property
 - Criminal Trespass Second Degree – 2 counts
 - Fail to Obey Emergency Order
 - Criminal Trespass Third Degree – 4 counts
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State Police Arrest New Castle Man for Attempted Bank Robbery

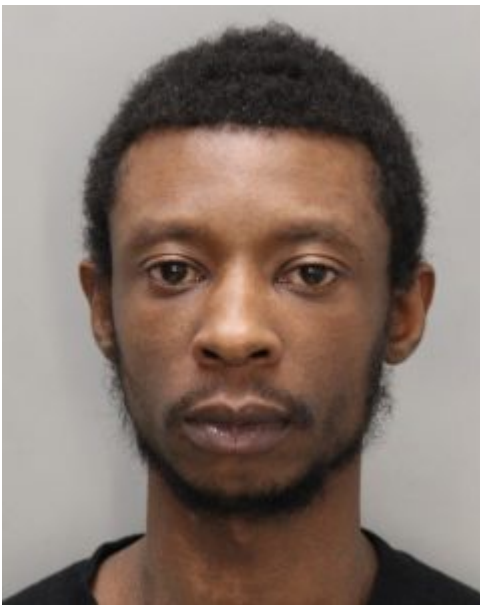
The Delaware State Police have arrested 28-year-old **Marcus McClain** of New Castle, Delaware, for attempted robbery of the Dover Federal Credit Union in New Castle on Saturday.

On February 21, 2026, at approximately 10:50 a.m., troopers responded to the Dover Federal Credit Union, located at 499 Pulaski Highway in New Castle, after receiving a bank alarm activation. Bank employees reported that McClain entered the bank wearing a face mask and gloves and initially refused to remove them despite their requests. McClain eventually removed the mask but kept his gloves on, approached a teller, and wrote a dollar amount on a piece of paper. After he would not provide identification or an account number, the teller became increasingly uncomfortable, notified co-workers, and

ultimately activated the bank alarm.

When troopers arrived, McClain was still inside the bank and was arrested without incident. During a search of McClain, troopers found a black pellet gun, resembling a Colt Python Revolver, concealed in his waistband. The Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit assumed the investigation. Detectives learned that the pellet gun was not used during the incident, McClain was not a bank customer, and there was no financial loss.

McClain was taken to Troop 2, where he was charged with the offenses listed below, arraigned by the Justice of the Peace Court 11, and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on a \$65,000 cash bond.



- Attempted Robbery First Degree (Felony)
- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)