Traffic Stop Leads to Weapon, Drug, and DUI Arrest

Delaware State Police have arrested 27-year-old **Arthur Darden** of Dover, DE for weapons and drug offenses following a traffic stop on Monday afternoon.

On April 11th, 2022, at approximately 12:41 p.m., a trooper on patrol in Laurel, DE observed a black Kia Sportage speeding and change lanes without signaling on Sussex Highway south of Gordy Road. A traffic stop was initiated on Sussex Highway at Dorothy Road and contact was made with the operator, identified as Arthur Darden. Troopers observed signs of impairment on Darden and open alcohol containers inside of the vehicle. A subsequent DUI investigation ensued and Darden was taken into custody without incident. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of approximately 13.79 grams of marijuana, a pair of brass knuckles, and a 9-millimeter handgun. A computer inquiry revealed Darden is a convicted felon prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Darden was transported to Troop 5 and charged with the following offenses:

- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm While Possessing a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession of Marijuana
- Carrying a Concealed Dangerous Instrument
- Possession of a Firearm While Under the Influence
- Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol and Drugs
- Speeding
- Improper Lane Change

Darden was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 2 and

committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on $11,300 cash bond.

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Troopers Arrest Suspect for 8th-Offense DUI Following Crash Investigation

Delaware State Police arrested 50-year-old **Richard Cook** of Lincoln, DE for 8th-offense DUI and other charges following a crash investigation on Monday afternoon.

On April 11th, 2022, at approximately 2:57 p.m., troopers responded to the intersection of southbound Dupont Boulevard and Redden Road, Georgetown, DE regarding a motor vehicle

collision. Upon their arrival, troopers contacted Richard Cook, the operator of a black Nissan Quest. The Quest had overturned onto its side in the wooded area west of Dupont Boulevard, and the two passengers, a 49-year-old female victim and a 45-year-old male victim, had sustained non-life threatening injuries. The victims were transported to Bayhealth Sussex Hospital for medical treatment. Troopers observed signs of impairment on Cook and a DUI investigation ensued. Cook was subsequently taken into custody without incident at the scene. A search of Cook's vehicle led to the discovery of approximately 2.04 grams of marijuana, suspected liquid heroin, drug paraphernalia, two fixed-blade knives, and a Hopkins & Allen Arms Co. revolver. Cook is a convicted felon who is prohibited from possessing firearms and/or deadly weapons.

A computer inquiry revealed that Cook's driver's license was suspended and he had been convicted for seven prior DUI offenses. Cook was transported to Troop 5 and charged with the following offenses:

- Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence of Drugs (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Firearm (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony) – 2 counts
- Vehicular Assault Second Degree – 2 counts
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Driving While Suspended or Revoked
- Possession of Marijuana

Cook was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on $39,501 cash bond.

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Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash Involving Multiple Vehicles

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash involving multiple vehicles that occurred Monday morning on Interstate 95.

On Monday, April 11, 2022, at approximately 4:38 a.m., a 2014 Chevrolet Sonic was traveling southbound on I-95 south of Route 141. At this time, a 2011 Dodge Ram was also traveling southbound on I-95 in the area of the Sonic. For reasons unknown, the Sonic struck the right rear corner of the Ram, which caused the operator of the Sonic to lose control and then strike the guardrail along the left edge of the roadway. As a result of the second impact, the Sonic traveled back into the southbound lanes of I-95 and became disabled in the

roadway, without any lights activated. The Ram came to a controlled stop on the right shoulder.

A 2007 Kenworth tractor trailer that was traveling southbound on I-95 and who's operator was unable to see Sonic disabled in the roadway, struck the Sonic with its front. After impact, the tractor trailer continued south and struck the center median prior to coming to a stop. Subsequently, a 2020 GMC Sierra that was traveling southbound also attempted to avoid the Sonic disabled in the roadway, but struck the vehicle with its right side. A 2022 Western Star tractor trailer traveling southbound on I-95 also struck the Sonic.

After the collisions, the front of the Sonic caught fire and the 62-year-old male operator from Bear, DE was removed from the vehicle by responding troopers. The operator was was transported to Christiana Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. The identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

All other remaining operators involved refused medical attention.

The contributing factors that resulted in this fatal crash are still being investigated by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has any information is asked to contact Senior Corporal Calio at 302-365-8483. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delawarecrimestoppers.com.

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Troopers Seeking Assistance Locating Homicide Suspect

Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is seeking assistance locating **Frank Deshields, 52, of New Castle** for a homicide that occurred Sunday afternoon outside a New Castle area motel.

On April 10, 2022, at approximately 2:42 p.m., troopers responded to The Super Lodge located at 1213 West Avenue, New Castle, for a reported stabbing. Responding troopers found the victim, a **45-year-old New Castle man**, outside the motel suffering from an apparent stab wound to his upper torso area.

He was transported to an area hospital by EMS, where he was pronounced deceased.

Through investigative measures, **Frank Deshields,** was established as a suspect in this homicide. On April 11, 2022, an arrest warrant was obtained for Deshields for Murder First Degree and weapon charges.

Frank Deshields is described as a black male, 5'09", 200 lbs., brown eyes, bald head, beard and mustache. Deshields may currently be in the New Castle area.

Delaware State Police Homicide Unit continue investigating this case as this investigation remains active and ongoing. Anyone who witnessed or has information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective Daniel Grassi by calling 302-365-8441. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the **Delaware State Police** or contacting **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delawarecrimestoppers.com

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Delaware State Police Conducting Homicide Investigation Outside Super Lodge Motel

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Pedestrian Stop Leads to Weapon Arrest

Delaware State Police have arrested 43-year-old **Elridge Brundge** of Dover, DE on weapons charges following a pedestrian stop on Saturday evening.

On April 9th, 2022, at approximately 9:49 p.m., a trooper responded to the area of Briarbush Road and Woodleytown Road in Magnolia, DE after receiving a report of a pedestrian in the roadway creating a traffic hazard. The trooper made contact with the subject, who was identified as Elridge Brundge, standing in the road at this location. Brundge was not equipped with a light, and the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was emitting from his breath. Brundge attempted to flee the scene on foot, but the trooper gave chase and was able to take him into custody a short distance away. A search incident to arrest revealed Brundge was in possession of a concealed and loaded Springfield handgun. Brundge is a convicted felon prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Brundge was transported to Troop 3 and charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm While Under the Influence
- Resisting Arrest
- Drunk on a Highway
- Failure to Carry a Light on a Public Roadway

Brundge was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 7 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on $3,550 secured bond.

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Delaware State Police Investigating Shooting Incident

Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting incident that occurred in Frankford on Sunday morning.

On April 10th, 2022 at approximately 12:12 a.m., troopers responded to a residence on the 36000 block of Country Lane in Frankford, DE regarding a report of shots fired. The ensuing investigation revealed that a 55-year old female victim and a 57-year-old male victim were present inside of the residence when a bullet struck a front window. The victims were not injured, and no other nearby homes were damaged.

There is currently no description of the suspect and no surveillance images are available.

The Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigation Unit is currently investigating this incident. Anyone who witnessed or has information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective C. Simpson by calling 302-752-3855. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the **Delaware State Police** or contacting **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delawarecrimestoppers.com.

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Traffic Stop Leads to Weapon and Drug Arrest

Delaware State Police have arrested 36-year-old **Joseph Jackson** of Clayton, DE following a traffic stop on Thursday evening.

On April 7th, 2022 at approximately 10:04 p.m., a trooper on patrol in the area of Halltown Road and Pearsons Corner Road in Hartly, DE observed a Chevrolet S10 pickup truck traveling eastbound on Halltown Road at a high rate of speed. The trooper noticed that the truck was displaying a fictitious registration and was being operated by Jackson, who has a suspended driver's license. When the trooper attempted to stop the vehicle, Jackson stopped the truck and fled the scene on foot. Troopers canvassed the area but were unsuccessful at locating Jackson. A subsequent search of Jackson's vehicle led

to the discovery of a loaded H&R .32 caliber revolver, approximately .65 grams of methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia. Jackson is a convicted felon prohibited from possessing a firearm.

On April 8th, 2022 at approximately 8:30 a.m., troopers obtained information that Jackson was at a residence on Downs Chapel Road in Clayton. Troopers responded to the residence and located Jackson hiding in a barn and took him into custody without further incident.

Jackson was transported to Troop 3 and charged with the following offenses:

- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm While Possessing a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest – 2 counts
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Driving While Suspended / Revoked
- Fictitious Registration
- Driving a Vehicle at an Unreasonable Speed

Jackson was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on $16,752 cash bond.

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Delaware State Police Conducting Homicide Investigation Outside Super Lodge Motel

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Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is currently investigating the circumstances surrounding this homicide as this investigation remains active and ongoing. Anyone who witnessed or has information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective Daniel Grassi by calling 302-365-8441. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to

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Delaware State Police are Accepting Applications for the 49th Annual Trooper Youth Week

The Delaware State Police are inviting all high school juniors and seniors with an interest in a career in law enforcement to attend the 49th annual Trooper Youth Week. This free program will be held June 20-24,2022 at the Delaware State Police Training Academy. This program will allow students an opportunity to learn about police work and experience life similar to that of a police recruit. For more information and applications, please visit https://dsp.delaware.gov/trooper-youth-week/. Application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on May 20, 2022.

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Delaware State Police Celebrate National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

The Delaware State Police (DSP) is proud to celebrate our public safety communication personnel during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. The Delaware State Police Communications Section consists of three 911 Public Safety dispatch centers located in the three Delaware counties and Headquarters Communications in Dover. Since 1994, a week in April has been designated as National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week to recognize and honor the women and men working in Communication Centers Nationwide. This year, the week will be celebrated from Sunday, April 10th to Saturday, April 16th.

The women and men in the Delaware State Police Communication Section provide superior services to those in need of law enforcement assistance. They are responsible for answering and responding to 911 calls, dispatching law enforcement officers, communicating with local, state, and federal agencies, collaborating with fire and EMS dispatchers, and operating in mobile command positions during critical incidents. They are the first public safety professionals to receive and respond to calls for help and the first to ensure appropriate resources are dispatched and delivered to those in need. Oftentimes, they make the difference between life and death situations.

Every day these professionals display their commitment, skills, and expertise to the residents and visitors of Delaware. In 2021, the Delaware State Police Communication

section received 369,752 calls for emergency service and an additional 337,888 non-emergency-related calls for service, for a total of 707,640 calls. In 2021, they handled 51,333 more calls for service than in 2020.

“As the Colonel of the DSP, it is my honor to extend our profound gratitude to our agency’s public safety communication professionals, whose exemplary service provides for the safety of our Troopers and our citizens every day. These dedicated members are a lifeline to our citizens during their greatest time of need, as well as a steady source of information and support to first responders. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with this distinguished group of women and men and thank them for the role they play as we fulfill our sacred mission of service together.” -Colonel Melissa A. Zebley, Superintendent Delaware State Police

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