

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
August 2014

Significant Events:

On the following dates/times Elsmere Bureau of Police officers seized the following drugs, money and weapons during the month.

July 5, 2014:

Cpl. John Mitchell and Ptlm. Steve West responded to the 900 block of Dover Avenue in reference to a late reported theft of a cell phone. The victim advised that three weeks ago he was outside working in the yard and left his cell phone on his patio table. When he returned the phone was missing. The victim's wife was approached by a witness who advised that a subject named Brandon had stole the cell phone.

During the investigation officers were able to identify the suspect as Brandon McLaughlin of the 1300 block of Cypress Avenue. A warrant was signed for Theft and Trespass Third Degree and a search warrant for the residence. Several phones were recovered as a result of the search, but the victims phone was not recovered.

July 6, 2014:

Cpl. John Mitchell, III conducted a motor vehicle stop for a seatbelt violation in the area of the Rt. 2 & Rt. 100. The driver was identified as 19 year old Valencio Hinton of the Unit Blk. of Fairway Road, Newark, DE.

During the stop Cpl. Mitchell located a book bag containing a loaded 12 gauge sawed-off shotgun. Def. Hinton was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Deadly Weapon by Person Prohibited and Possession of a Destructive Weapon.

Def. Hinton was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court #11 and released on a \$2,900 unsecured bond.

July 12, 2014:

PFC Davis and Cpl. Kerrigan responded to a possible domestic situation in the 1500 block of Maple Avenue where the male half fled in a vehicle. Upon arriving to the intersection of Rt. 2 and Maple Avenue, Officers located the male half standing near the driver side door of his 2002 Silver Buick Lesabre. Upon further investigation Def. Damar Chapman was charged with DUI.

July 13, 2014:

Shortly after midnight, PFC Davis and Cpl. Kerrigan were approached by members of Elsmere Fire Company regarding a Hispanic male was attempting to leave the rear parking lot of Station 16 with a heavily damaged tire. Upon arrival, Officers located Antonio Ramos operating a black in color Mercury Mountaineer. Upon further investigation Def. Ramos was charged with DUI.

July 18, 2014:

An unknown male entered Mulrooney's liquor store and removed the cash register off of the counter and exiting the front door of the store. The witness chased after the suspect but lost sight of the subject under the Kirkwood Highway viaduct.

Officers processed the scene for possible fingerprints. A K-9 track was conducted by WPD which started under the viaduct and ended only a few feet away. Officers conducted property checks of Canby park area for the suspect(s) and the register which resulted in negative results.

July 24, 2014:

Ptlm. West conducted a motor vehicle stop for a seatbelt violation in the 900 block of Kirkwood Highway. The occupant of the vehicle was identified as 28 year old Blane Moxley of the 200 block of North Dupont Street in Wilmington, DE.

During the stop a 9mm pistol which was reported stolen from a residential burglary in 2010 was recovered along with marijuana. A subsequent search of his home, uncovered a loaded .357 Magnum revolver and additional ammunition.

Def. Blane was charged with 2 counts of Possession of a Weapon by Person Prohibited, Receiving a Stolen Firearm and Possession of Marijuana. Def. Blanes bail was set at \$12,501.00 secured and \$3,100.00 cash. The defendant was committed to the Howard Young Correctional facility in lieu of bail.

July 25, 2014:

Officers were dispatched to the Dogwood Hollow Development for a possible vehicle theft in progress. Two suspects identified as 33 year old Johnny Hunter of the 2600 Block of North Monroe Street, Wilmington, DE and 18year old Donmier Peters of the 800 Block of North Harrison Street, Wilmington, DE.

As officers approached on foot they observed the suspects attempting to steal a vehicle. The suspects fled on foot, but were caught after a brief foot chase. The investigation determined that the two suspects were stealing items from vehicles in the area and attempted to use a spare key located in one of the vehicles and attempt to steal it. Both suspects were charged with Burglary 3rd, Conspiracy 2nd, and Attempted Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of Burglary Tools, Night Prowling, and Resisting Arrest. Both subjects received 4500.00 unsecured bail and were issued a no contact order with the Town Of Elsmere.

July 29, 2014:

Officers executed a search warrant in the 300 Block of Ohio Avenue as part of an ongoing drug investigation. Inside the home, 39 year old Warren Coverdale was taken into custody after 132 bags of heroin were located in the residence. Def. Coverdale was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, Manufactures, Delivers or Possesses a Controlled Substance, Maintaining a Drug Property. Def. Coverdale's bail was set at \$9,000 secured bail and his probation was violated.