

December 1, 2015:

On Tuesday, December 01, 2015, Elsmere Police officers executed a search warrant in the 300 Block of Commercial Drive in reference to the sale of a stolen motorcycle. Upon the execution of the warrant, Ptlm. Ben Wingate, discovered that one of the motorcycles in the garage was stolen. Officers discovered that this was a club house being used by the Hellaware Ridaz Motorcycle Club. Both Markeith Minor and Dino Anderson were currently listed on the rental agreement and both members of the club.

Markeith Minor was charged with Receiving Stolen Property over \$1,500.00 and Selling Stolen Property under \$1,500.00. Minor was released on \$2,500.00 unsecured bail.

Dino Anderson was charged with Receiving Stolen Property over \$1,500.00. Anderson was released on \$1,000.00 unsecured bail.

December 3, 2015:

The Elsmere Police Department welcomes Ptlm. Kevin MacDowell to the police force. Today is Kevin's first day on the road since he graduated from the New Castle County Police Department's 41st Academy Class last Thursday night. Kevin joins the police department after serving as a correctional guard at the Plummer Center.



December 6, 2015:

PLEASE SECURE YOUR VEHICLES

Due to the increased thefts from motor vehicles, the Elsmere Police Department asks that everyone please be sure to secure your vehicles and do not leave anything of value in plain view. Officers will be conducting more foot patrols in the neighborhoods and checking vehicles for unsecured doors. If your vehicle had to be secured, officers will be leaving an informational flyer inside the vehicle.

If you have any information regarding the suspect(s) involved with these thefts please contact Cpl. Davis at (302) 998-1173 ext 209 or Andrew.Davis@cj.state.de.us.

December 10, 2015:

On December 10, 2015, the Elsmere Police Department concluded a three month heroin investigation into 56 year old Juan Ruiz-Espinosa. Juan was developed as the primary source supplying heroin into the Town of Elsmere and surrounding areas. Officer conducted a vehicle stop on Juan at which time he on fled on foot and was apprehended.

Juan was found to be in possession of 339 packaged bags of heroin and \$1,233.00 dollars. Officers also located four plastic bags with raw unpackaged heroin hidden inside his vehicle. The street value for the heroin is approximately \$1,000.00. Defendant Ruiz-Espinosa was charged with Drug Dealing, Possession of Heroin, Resisting Arrest, and traffic offense.

The defendant was released on \$57,000 unsecured bail and ordered not to have any contact with the Town of Elsmere.



December 19, 2015

On December 19, 2015, Ptlm. Kevin MacDowell arrested Michael E. Haynie 27 year old B/M from the 300 Block of E. 23rd Street in Wilmington. Cpl. Michael Rodick and PFC Steven West observed that Defendant Haynie was operating a Mitsubishi Galant without any headlights on. When officers conducted a traffic stop on Route 100 in the area of Norway Ave, defendant was observed throwing objects out of the vehicle window. Officers discovered that defendant had attempted to get rid of 22 bags of heroin.

Defendant Haynie was charged with Possession of Heroin, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Driving while License Suspended, and Failure to have Headlights on when required.



December 25, 2015:

On December 25, 2015, Sgt. Phil Young, Cpl. Kevin Kerrigan, and Cpl. Scot Sowden responded to the 100 Block of Jefferson Ave for a possible medical assist. Upon arrival, officers discovered a Ford Explorer parked halfway on a resident's front yard which caused damage to the grass. The operator, Ramiro Lopez-Castillo from the 1200 Block of Maple Avenue handed officers his keys and advised that he had been drinking. Officers discovered that Lopez-Castillo had already been convicted of three prior DUI's and 22 grams of marijuana in the vehicle.

Lopez-Castillo was charged with 4th Offense DUI (Felony), Careless Driving, and Possession of Marijuana. He received \$7,002.00 secured bail.



December 28, 2015:

On December 28, 2015, the Elsmere Police Department concluded a month long drug investigation. Sgt. Phil Young and Ptlm. Ben Wingate developed Walter Hall 49 year old B/M as the primary target selling heroin and crack cocaine in and around Elsmere. Officers executed a search warrant at Hall's residence which is located in the 200 Block of Locust Ave. While searching the residence, officers seized 10 oxycodone pills, 1 suboxone strip, 1 bottle of suspected liquid codeine medicine, hundreds of small packaging bags, cookware containing cocaine residue, and \$1,705.00 USC.

Hall turned himself into the Elsmere Police Department and was charged with Drug Dealing, Possession of the Controlled Substances, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Hall was released on an \$8,000.00 unsecured bail.



December 31, 2015:

On Thursday December 31st, PFC. Giles stopped a group of juveniles for jaywalking in the area of Beech Ave. and Second Ave at approximately 10:30 pm. During the stop, a juvenile from the 200 of W. 22nd St. City of Wilmington, was found to be concealing a sawed off 20 gauge shotgun in his waistband. It was also learned that all three subjects in the group were in violation of the Town of Elsmere curfew ordinance.

The juvenile with the firearm was arrested for: Possession of a Destructive Weapon (sawed off shotgun), Possession of a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (juvenile), Jaywalking, and Curfew Violation. The juvenile was released on \$25,000.00 unsecured bond and turned over to his parents. He was also ordered to have no contact with the Town of Elsmere.

