



# County Police Ink

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New Castle County Police Department

## What's Inside

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## Mobile Enforcement Team Seizes Guns, Drugs

### Police Seize Tech 9 Handgun, Arrest Fugitive Wanted in Shooting

NEW CASTLE —In what is often described as just a routine car stop, the encounter has lead officers to the arrest of a fugitive wanted in a Wilmington shooting and the recovery of two loaded handguns. Members of the Mobile Enforcement Team arrested the three adult male subjects for various weapon violations after they were stopped in a county parkland (after dark) while smoking marijuana inside their car. As a result of the stop, police located and seized a small quantity of marijuana, a loaded Tech 9 handgun, and a .22 caliber handgun. On Monday (1/25), officers from the Mobile Enforcement Team (MET) were conducting a roving patrol along the Route 9 corridor in an effort to address violent crime trends and quality of life issues. At 5:30 p.m., M.E.T. officers observed a suspicious vehicle that was parked in the Rosehill Gardens Parkland (in violation of a county code regarding trespassing in the park after dark).



Tech 9 Semi Automatic Gun

As the officers approached the vehicle, they immediately smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the car. The three passengers were removed from the vehicle as officers observed a small quantity of marijuana on the seats. A computer inquiry revealed the rear seat passenger, Darry "Doobie" Williams (21) was wanted by the Wilmington Police Department of a shooting that occurred in the city. Williams was arrested without incident for the warrant as additional officers searched the car. Inside, the officers found a loaded Tech 9 automatic handgun with a 30 round magazine that was hidden under the front seat. Police also found a loaded .22 caliber handgun hidden inside the car as well. Darry "Doobie" Williams, of the unit block of Ryan Avenue in New Castle, was charged with the following offenses: (2) counts of possession of a firearm by a person prohibited, (2) counts of carrying a concealed deadly weapon, (2) counts of conspiracy, possession of marijuana, possession of drugs within 300 feet of a church, possession of drugs within 300 feet of a park, tampering with evidence and trespassing in a county parkland after dark. Michael Battle, a 22 year old male who resides in the 400 block of W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Wilmington, was charged with (2) counts of possession of a firearm by a person prohibited, (2) counts of carrying a concealed deadly weapon, (2) counts of conspiracy, and trespassing in the county parkland after dark. Jamaal Jackson, a 22 year old male who resides in the 100 block of Rose Lane in New Castle, was charged with (2) counts of carrying a concealed deadly weapon, (2) counts of conspiracy and trespassing in a county parkland after dark.

See page #2 for more stories about the mobile enforcement team's significant investigations in January.

### Elderly Woman Released from Hospital After Senior Roll Call "Save"

WILMINGTON—The New Castle County Police Senior Roll Call Lifeline Program has been credited with saving another client. This time, a 93 year old female fell on her floor and was incapacitated on Christmas evening. The victim was confined to her floor for several hours until she was rescued by her daughter and neighbor who received an alert from a Senior Roll Call volunteer. The victim, who had been hospitalized for several days, has recovered and been released from the hospital in early January. On Saturday (12/26) at 9:30 a.m., Matt Matthews, a senior citizen volunteer for the Senior Roll Call Lifeline, received an alert from a home in the Londonderry community in Wilmington. The volunteer immediately notified both the victim's daughter and next door neighbor who responded to the home where they found her on the floor unable to get up. Evidently, the victim had fallen the night before and was unable to get up for several hours until she was found. The victim was treated at the scene by emergency medical workers and transported to the St. Francis Hospital where she remained hospitalized for several days. She has recovered and was recently released. The Senior Roll Call Lifeline is a free program that calls the homes of its subscribers every day to make sure they are doing well. For more information about the program or to sign up a loved one, please call the New Castle County Police Community Services Unit at 302-395-8050.



Senior Roll Call Volunteer  
Matt Matthews

## More Mobile Enforcement Team News

### Home Drug Store Shut Down

NEW CASTLE —The New Castle County Police, Mobile Enforcement Team has shut down another drug operation in Collins Park. This time, a residence known to neighbors as a 24 hour operation, has been closed for business after police executed a search warrant and recovered 243 bags of heroin, crack cocaine, marijuana and approximately \$2,000 in suspected drug proceeds. On Thursday morning (1/7), officers from the Mobile Enforcement Team ended a one month investigation with the execution of a search warrant at a home in the 400 block of Daniel Lane. When the officers entered the residence, they found a female sleeping in bed with a three year old girl. The adult female was found to be hiding nine bags of heroin, crack cocaine, marijuana, and approximately \$450 in suspected drug proceeds inside her bra. During a further search, police found an additional 234 bags of heroin hidden under the insulation in the attic of the home. Two female residents were present and arrested at the time of the search warrant execution. The first one (with the drugs hidden her bra) has been identified as Elise Clark (24). The other suspect has been identified as Deserie Henry (24). Both women were charged with possession with the intent to deliver heroin, possession with the intent to deliver cocaine, conspiracy and endangering the welfare of a child. Henry was also charged with trafficking in heroin, maintaining a dwelling for keeping a controlled substance, and two additional counts of endangering the welfare of a child (three children were inside the home). Clark has been arraigned and released after posting \$4,600 secured bail. Henry has been committed to the Women's Correctional Facility after failing to post \$11,250 secured bail.

### Traffic Stop Leads to Gun Seizure

New Castle County Police have arrested **Daniel Brown Jr.**, a resident of the unit block of Lisa Drive in Newark, DE. He has been charged with felony weapon possession after police stopped him in his car after he committed two traffic violations and later found a loaded .357 handgun hidden inside his car. On Tuesday evening (1/19), officers from the Mobile Enforcement Team were assigned to the Iron Hill Apartments to address quality of life issues in the community. At approximately 7:57 p.m., the officers observed a gray colored Chevrolet Monte Carlo leaving the community that failed to stop for the stop sign and use a turn signal.

When the officers stopped the car, they immediately observed marijuana debris and items consistent with drug paraphernalia inside. The driver, Daniel Brown, was removed from the car as officers searched the vehicle. The rear seat of the car was not secured to the floor which allowed the officers to look underneath and find a loaded handgun. Brown, who is prohibited from owning/possessing a handgun due to a previous conviction, has been charged with possession of a firearm by a person prohibited, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, and two traffic offenses. He has been arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$20,500 secured bail.

### Police Canine Locates Missing Suicidal Man

WILMINGTON —A New Castle County four legged police officer has been credited with potentially saving the life of a missing man who was found distraught in the sub-freezing weather without appropriate cold weather clothing. Canine Tessa successfully tracked and apprehended the suicidal missing 24 year old Wilmington man Wednesday evening (1/20) in the Buckingham Green community. At 7:11 p.m., County Police responded to the unit block of Weilers Bend for a report of a missing suicidal man.

When the officers arrived, they contacted a family member of the victim who reported he had just left the home screaming his was going to kill himself. According to the family, the victim reportedly suffered from a bipolar disorder and had not taken his medication. Corporal Steven Purse and his canine partner "Tessa" responded to the scene and "scented" an article of the victim's clothing from the home. Tessa tracked the suspect's movements between several homes and into the wooded area behind the development. After an extensive terrain search, (about an hour after he left the house) Tessa located the subject near a creek sitting on the ground at the base of a tree, shivering from the cold. The victim was taken into custody and later transported to the Wilmington Hospital where he was treated and evaluated. He was not charged with a crime. As her reward, Tessa was given her favorite toy, a chew-towel.



Corporal Steven Purse and Tessa

### Man Stabbed During Domestic Dispute

New Castle County Police have arrested Kyle Oliver, an 18 year old male whose last known address was in the 100 block of Brighton Avenue in the community of Brack Ex. He has been charged with felony assault and weapon violations after he stabbed a man yesterday morning during a dispute with his girlfriend. On Sunday (1/2) at 4:44 a.m., County Police responded to a residence in the 2000 block of Linkwood Avenue for a report of a fight in progress with a weapon. When the officers arrived, they located a 49 year old male who was suffering from multiple stab wounds to his upper body. He was transported from the scene by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital where he was treated and released for non life threatening injuries. The investigation has revealed the victim was stabbed by Kyle Oliver during a dispute at the residence. Police discovered Oliver had engaged in a physical altercation with his 25 year old girlfriend where he choked and punched her. Oliver stabbed the male victim when he tried to aid the female. Police searched the area for Oliver, who was reportedly homeless, but were originally unable to locate him. At approximately 7:37 a.m., officers located Oliver walking in the area of the 100 block of Brookside Avenue where he was arrested after a brief struggle. Oliver has been charged with felony assault, possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony, assault in the third degree (for the attack on his girlfriend) and resisting arrest. He has been arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$35,000 secured bail.

### Safe Streets Officers Arrest Subject, Delivering Cocaine

The New Castle County Safe Streets Team has arrested Richard Melendez, a 27 year old male who resides in the 2000 block of W. Newport Pike in Stanton. He has been charged with felony drug violations after he delivered crack cocaine to Safe Streets officers in the Clover Leaf Trailer Park. On Monday afternoon (1/25), Safe Streets Officers were working an assignment in the aforementioned trailer park when they received information regarding a possible drug deal that was to occur inside a mobile home. At 2:40 p.m., a small four door vehicle pulled up to the home and a male subject exited the vehicle. He was first contacted by police when he started to enter the trailer at which time he started to run off. Officers gave chase and captured the subject after he fell into a creek that runs behind the trailer park. They discovered Melendez had discarded a bag of crack cocaine as he fled from the trailer. The package was recovered and found to contain several pieces of crack cocaine. Melendez has been charged with the following offense: delivery of cocaine, possession with the intent to deliver cocaine, conspiracy, resisting arrest and tampering with evidence. He has been arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$10,000 secured bail. He has since posted bail.



New Castle County Safe Streets Team

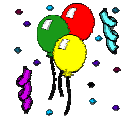
### Undercover Officers Witness Drug Transaction, 210 Oxycontin Pills Seized

New Castle County Detectives arrested three adult males who were caught in the act of a drug transaction in the parking lot of the Darley Road Shopping Center. An Oldsmobile Aurora, over \$1,000 in cash and a cache of prescription pills were seized as a result of this investigation. On Thursday (1/21) evening, undercover detectives were working an assignment in the area of the shopping center when they observed a white male subject smoking marijuana inside his car (Oldsmobile Aurora) around 8:14 p.m. The officers watched as a second car pulled up (Mercedes Benz) next to the Aurora and then they witnessed a hand to hand transaction occur inside the Aurora. Even though the officers were conducting an undercover operation for unrelated crimes, they watched and then moved in for an arrest. The officers immediately detected the odor of marijuana inside both cars at which time the driver of the Oldsmobile and the two passengers of the Mercedes were asked to step out of the cars. All three subjects were taken into custody after police discovered they were in possession of a variety of prescription pills. The investigation has revealed the driver of Aurora, Michael Mawhinney (age 39), had delivered a quantity of Oxycontin pills to the two occupants who were inside the Mercedes. It total, the officers seized 210 Oxycontin Pills, 9 grams of marijuana, \$1,024 in cash and the Oldsmobile. Mawhinney was arrested and charged with delivery of drugs, maintaining a vehicle for keeping a controlled substance, possession with the intent to deliver Oxycontin and several other drug related offenses. Mawhinney, a resident of the 3600 block of Naamans Road, was arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$10,600 secured bail. The other two subjects, Michael (35) and Matthew (30) Dinapoli were arrested and charged with minor drug offenses. They were each arraigned and released on unsecured bond. Both men reside in Sommerdale, NJ.

On January 29, recruiters from the New Castle County Police Department participated in the annual mentoring program hosted by the Delaware Technical Community College. Captain Becker and about 10 well dressed recruiters spent a few hours introducing themselves and recruiting this year's candidates for the mentoring program. As usual, New Castle County Officers prominently stood out with the best turnout of all of the other state, federal and local agencies. For further information about becoming a mentor/recruiter contact Sergeant Floyd Wiley in the Professional Development Unit. →



**Congratulations to our latest soon to be retiree!**



**Senior Sergeant Paul Neill** has announced his intention to retire in March, 2010. Paul has been a member of the police department since August 1990. After graduating from the police academy, he was assigned to the patrol division. He was later transferred to the community services unit where he specialized in the following presentations: the Heroin Alert Program, Sammy the Seal, personal safety, home security, driving safety and a road rage safety program. Paul also served in the human resources unit and in the public information office. Sergeant Neill is going to manage a family law practice in Pennsylvania upon his retirement. He said, "My retirement is bitter sweet, I am certainly going to miss all of the great people I had the pleasure to serve with. I am sad to leave the profession, but looking forward to the opportunities that lie ahead." Paul's last official work date will fall on his late mother's birthday, March 3.

## Significant Crime Recap January 2010

**Carpenter Station Plaza      Monday 01/04/10 1310      District 8-Cartier**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 57 year old male was working inside the Everest Indian Grocery Store when two suspects entered and displayed a handgun. The two demanded money from the clerk and made off with the cash register, the clerk's wallet and apparently a credit card from a customer in the store. The customer had not been identified at this time. Suspects were observed, by UPS drivers, fleeing on foot toward the PA/DE line. As a result of the canine track, some of the cash, a fake gun and one of the suspect's jackets were recovered.

**Glasgow Court TP      Wednesday 01/06/10 1800      District 6-Powers**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 44 year old female had just parked her car in the unit block of Cadagan Street and was exiting her vehicle when a male subject ran up and forcibly removed a shopping bag from her wrist. The victim began honking her car horn which caused the suspect to flee on foot. The victim advised that a subject approached her at the Happy Harry's in the Fox Run Shopping Center begging for money. It is not known if the robbery suspect is the same suspect from the shopping center, but the descriptions are similar.

**Amberfield T.H.      Friday 1/08/10 1925      District 6-Powers**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 20 year old pizza delivery driver responded to an address in the unit block of Auckland Drive to deliver a food order. A female called and placed the order. As the victim arrived at the address and approached the house, a male subject came out of the cut between 16 and 18 Auckland Drive and asked where the pizza was going. The suspect then pulled out a black handgun and demanded the victim's property. The suspect ordered the victim back to his car and demanded additional property. The persons at the Auckland Drive advised that they did not order a pizza.

**Autumn Park Apts.      Saturday 1/09/10 1710      District 11-Tackett**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 14 year old female victim advised that she was walking along a six foot fence on Four Seasons Parkway when a black Jeep Liberty vehicle pulled up and a white female exited the passenger side. The victim reported the female then "hopped" the 6-foot fence and confronted her about fighting with "Jen." The victim attempted to run away but fell and denied knowing any Jen. The suspect attempted to take the victim's purse and was able to remove a small amount of cash and credit cards. The victim claims she punched the suspect in the face during the incident.

**Maple Square MHP**

**Saturday 1/9/09 1905**

**District 5-Diller**

**Summary:** (Shooting investigation) Officers were dispatched to an address on Ivy Lane for a report of shots fired in the area. The reporting person is the father of the two suspects who claimed that he was home alone and an argument between two males and a third male had occurred outside his residence that led to shots fired. Shell casings were recovered, and it appears as though one of the shots was fired from within the suspect's residence. An anonymous person called in to advise that the suspects had robbed two black drug dealers in front of their residence.

**Blairville Court TH**

**Sunday 1/10/10 1715**

**District 6\_Powers**

**Summary:** (Reported shooting) Officers responded to a home in the unit block of Blairville Court for a report of a fight with shots fired. The incident stems from a dispute that occurred the previous week involving the family/friends of the victim and the suspect. Numerous neighbors reported hearing gunshots although no evidence was located.

**Jefferson Farms**

**Sunday 1/10/10 1735**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A male victim was walking on Pendleton Court near Powhatan Road when he was approached by a male subject who brandished a black semi-automatic handgun. The subject stole the victim's cell phone and fled on foot.

**Addicks Estates**

**Thursday 1/14/10 1900**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Summary:** (Reported attempted robbery) A male victim was walking along Marion Avenue when a male subject approached him and tried to rob him at gunpoint. The subject has been identified as Samuel McFadden, a known resident from the area. Arrest warrants have been issued.

**Addicks Estates**

**Thursday 1/14/10 1900**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Summary:** (Reported attempted robbery, second victim) A male victim was walking along Marion Avenue when a male subject approached him and tried to rob him at gunpoint. The subject has been identified as Samuel McFadden, a known resident from the area. Arrest warrants have been issued.

**Addicks Estates**

**Thursday 1/14/10 1900**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Summary:** (Reported attempted robbery, third victim) A male victim was walking along Marion Avenue when a male subject approached him and tried to rob him at gunpoint. The subject has been identified as Samuel McFadden, a known resident from the area. Arrest warrants have been issued for all three cases.

**Carpenter Plaza S.C.**

**Monday 1/18/10 2100**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A male subject reportedly entered the Hong Kong Chinese Food Restaurant and pointed a handgun at the female employee. The subject stole money from the register and tried to steal the tip jar, but it was wired to the counter. He then fled on foot.

**Wynthorpe**

**Thursday 1/21/10 0015**

**District 12-Bell**

**Summary:** (Attempted robbery, shooting) a 39 year old male was preparing to go to work and was approached outside his residence (unit block of Hathaway Court) by two armed suspects. The suspects ordered the victim to go back into his residence at gunpoint. The victim said he had to shut off his alarm and intentionally put in the wrong alarm code, causing the alarm to activate. He then struggled with one of the suspects and a shot was fired, striking the ceiling. He then fled upstairs where his wife was calling 911 as the suspects fled on foot.

**Swanwyck**

**Friday 1/22/10 2000**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Summary:** (Attempted robbery) Three teenage victims were walking home from the Crossroads Shopping Center when they were approached by a group of four suspects. After they passed the group, the suspects stated "let's take their money." The suspects then pulled out what the victims described as "rifles with scopes" and demanded that the two male victims get on the ground. The female victim attempted to walk away but was ordered back. The suspects took an iPod from one of the male victims and fled.

**Brookside Plaza**

**Sunday 1/24/10 1650**

**District 5-Diller**

**Summary:** (Attempted robbery) A 62 year old employee of the Family Dollar store called 911 after a male suspect entered the store and approached the register while holding an unknown object under his sweatshirt. The suspect then instructed the clerk to push the "no sale" button on the cash register to get it open and then give him the cash. The suspect fled the store with no proceeds after the cashier called the manager to the front of the store.

**Stoneybrook Apts.**

**Monday 1/25/10 2048**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Summary:** (Late reported robbery) Officers responded to the complex for a fight where a group of subjects were beating up a subject named Roy Kolaco. The officers discovered that Roy was the recipient of "street justice" for robbing the victim the day prior. A search warrant was executed at Roy's residence where the gun was recovered. Roy was treated at the hospital for injuries and charged accordingly.

**Collins Park****Tuesday 1/26/10 0325****District 12-Bell**

**Summary:** (Reported home invasion) Six adult victims were inside their home in the 200 block of Keiser Place when three male suspects forced entry into the residence. They each brandished a handgun and removed numerous bottles of prescription medications and cash before fleeing on foot.

**Edgewood Hills****Wednesday 1/27/10 1450****District 8-Cartier**

**Summary:** (Reported attempted robbery) A 14 year old female was walking along Brandywine Blvd. when a dark blue station wagon pulled up and stopped near her. Two female suspects exited the vehicle and began punching the victim about the face. One suspect yelled "get her IPod" while the victim struggled to keep her belongings. A passerby witnessed the attack and stopped to offer assistance. The female suspects then fled the area in the vehicle. The passerby provided a tag number but it does not match the suspect vehicle.

**Oakmont****Thursday 1/28/10 2130****District 10-Street**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 35 year old male responded to an address on Oakmont Drive to deliver a food order. When he arrived, two male suspects were standing at the end of the driveway who each pulled a gun and demanded the food and the money. After taking the food and victim's cash, suspects fled on foot toward the Oakmont Parkland. A canine track ended in the area of 56 Oakmont Drive.

**Colonial Village North****Friday 1/29/10 2155****District 7-Smiley**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) Two adult male victims advised that they were standing in the courtyard behind Building 8 smoking a cigarette when they were approached by a male subject. He suddenly brandished a handgun and attempted to rob the victims. The suspect demanded their property before fleeing into Building 8.

**Arbor Place Apts.****Friday 1/29/10 2200****District 10-Street**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 22 year old male victim was delivering a food order to an address in the 200 block of Parma Avenue, which is a vacant residence. As the victim knocked on the door, two suspects approached from the rear of the residence, held him against the front door at gun point, and took his wallet, phone and pizza. One of the two suspects was later identified and arrested. The second suspect remains at large.

**Fox Run TH****Saturday 1/30/10 2100****District 6-Powers**

**Summary:** (Attempted robbery) A 32 year old female victim advised that she was waiting on a Chinese food order, so she opened the door to her home in the 400 block of S. Antlers Place. The victim advised that a male subject was standing at the door mumbling something, but she couldn't understand. The suspect then pulled out a

silver/black handgun and attempted to push his way into the residence as three other suspects came around from the side of the house to assist. The victim, with the assistance of her fiancé, was able to get the door shut on the suspects arm was slammed in the door.

**Colonial Village North**

**Sunday 01/31/10 0105**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 38 year old male victim was standing outside of Building 11 smoking a cigarette. When he was finished, he went back into the building and began walking toward his friend's apartment. A male suspect then entered the building via the rear door and immediately approached the victim and held a gun to his throat. The suspect then stole the victim's cash and cell phone before fleeing on foot.

**Colonial Village North**

**Sunday 1/31/10 2040**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) An 18 year old female victim responded to Building 9 to deliver a pizza order within the complex. Upon entering the building, a male suspect exited the laundry room and ordered her into the laundry room at gun point. The victim turned over the money, and the suspect ran her pockets although he did not take any additional property.