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New Castle County Police Department

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New Castle County detectives have arrested Ashlie Stumbers, a 24 year old female whose last known address was the 500 block of Sixth Avenue in Wilmington. She and her accomplice, Mannie Brown, a 32 year old male who lives in the unit block of Wellington Drive in Newark, have been charged with felony offenses after it was revealed that both parties were involved in the kidnapping of Stumbers' three year old child. The child was abducted from a Murray Manor home by three gunmen back in May 2010. On Tuesday (5/11) at 12:00 p.m., New Castle County Police, with the assistance of more than a dozen FBI agents (from Delaware and Baltimore) were able to locate the child and his mother, Ashlie Stumbers, in the city of Wilmington. A team of county and federal investigators responded to the address and located them both outside as they were about to leave the residence. Ashlie Stumbers was questioned and later released. Her son, Brian Kenney (3), was later reunited with his father unharmed. Sarah Stumbers, the sister of Ashlie, was also questioned the next day and later released. For the past several months, detectives have been following up on leads that were generated from this investigation. It was revealed that on the morning of the incident Ashlie Stumbers had requested to change her cellular phone number and requested a new number. Detectives also revealed that Brown had received a phone call from Ashlie Stumbers around the same time telling him that she had her son.

During the investigation, and while checking known relatives, detectives contacted Stumbers' mother. She told investigators that her daughter (Ashlie) arrived at her home with her son at 8:30 a.m., on May 11th. She mentioned that Sarah drove them to the house.

As a result of follow-up investigations and a review of electronic files, it was discovered that Ashlie Stumbers, Sarah Stumbers and Brown were all communicating with one another just prior to the incident. Detectives were able to gather enough evidence to link all three subjects to the crime. Ashlie Stumbers and Mannie Brown were arrested on Thursday, July 29th and charged with the following offenses: robbery in the first degree, burglary in the first degree, assault in the second degree, kidnapping in the second degree, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony and conspiracy in the second degree. Stumbers was also charged with two counts of criminal contempt of a domestic violence protective order resulting in physical injury. Stumbers was arraigned and committed to the Women's Correctional Institute after failing to post \$88,000 secured bail. Brown was arraigned and committed to Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$83,000 secured bail. Both were ordered to have no contact with the victims. Arrest warrants are currently on file for **Sarah Stumbers** for her involvement in the crime.

Canine "Air-sniff" Results in Arrest

County Police have arrested Daren Young, a 24 year old male who resides in Newark, DE. He has been charged with a felony drug violations after a police canine searched the exterior of his car by "sniffing" the area surrounding the vehicle and "indicating" for the presence of a controlled dangerous substance (marijuana). On Monday (8/30) at 11:25 p.m., as officers were performing a property check in the Carrington Way Apartment complex, they observed a male subject enter the complex in a silver Dodge Intrepid. They watched as the subject walked to one of the buildings and attempted to gain access. Police contacted the subject (Young) as he was walking back to his vehicle. While speaking to the subject, officers observed traces of marijuana inside his vehicle. Senior Corporal Jim Fitzgerald and his canine partner "Rony" were in the area and conducted an open air search of the vehicle's exterior. Canine Rony "alerted" on the trunk of the vehicle and inside an Adidas bag containing 490 grams of marijuana was located, along with packaging materials and a digital scale. The marijuana was packaged in 14 ounce size bags.

Also discovered inside the vehicle were two bags containing 18.1 grams of marijuana along with a digital scale, a pellet gun that resembled a handgun under the driver's seat and an ice pick with a 4 inch fixed blade in the driver's door. Officers also seized \$627 from the subject. Daren Young was arrested and charged with multiple felony offenses.



Fugitive Wanted for Murder, Captured

County Police have captured murder suspect **Terek Patterson**, a 30 year old male who was wanted for murder in Georgia. On Tuesday (8/3) at 10:50 p.m., County Police responded to the unit block of Scarborough Drive in Mill Creek Village Apartments, Wilmington, DE, for a report of a suspicious person. Officer First Class Richard Blackston and Officer First Class John Mancuso responded to the area and searched for the suspect. The male caller gave a description of the individual and indicated that he believed the subject resembled a fugitive who was wanted out of New Jersey. When Blackston and Mancuso arrived, they located a subject fitting the description who was immediately detained. The investigation revealed that Patterson was wanted by the Clayton County Sheriff's Office in Jonesboro, Georgia for four felony charges including murder. Patterson's last known address was in College Park, GA. A fugitive warrant was completed and Patterson was committed to Howard Young Prison and is awaiting extradition.



Man Arrested on Felony Drug Charges

New Castle County Police have arrested **Brenton Sculley**, a 20 year old male who resides in the 100 block of Kingston Drive in Bear. He has been charged with felony drug offenses and resisting arrest after he fled from police after a car stop. On Thursday (8/05), at 5:15 a.m., Officer First Class Cory Tanyer stopped a Chevy Monte Carlo on Bear Corbitt Road for a registration violation. As Tanyer made contact with the driver and asked her to exit the vehicle, the passenger (Sculley) exited and took off running. Tanyer chased the subject on foot through several yards before the subject was caught and taken into custody without any further incident. A search of the car revealed Sculley was in possession of a black shoe box which contained 46 Xanax pills, 9 Percocet pills, 2 Suboxone pills and approximately 10 grams of marijuana and 9 grams of cocaine. Police also found a digital scale and packaging material belonging to Sculley. As a result of this case, the officer seized approximately \$800 in suspected drug proceeds. Sculley was arrested and charged with possession with the intent to deliver marijuana, possession with the intent to deliver cocaine and possession with the intent to deliver each of the non-controlled prescription substances (Xanax, Percocet and Suboxone). He was also charged with maintaining a vehicle for keeping controlled substances, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest.



Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Bust and the Findings of 10,210 Counterfeit Dollars

County Police have arrested **Alvin Horace**, a 19 year old male and **Michael Myers**, a 23 year old male who both reside in New Jersey. They have been charged with forgery and drug violations after an officer stopped them for driving a vehicle that had no registration tag displayed and later found them to have marijuana and \$10,210 of counterfeit money inside the car. On Sunday (8/22) at 3:11 p.m., Detective Matthew Tower observed a vehicle with no registration tag traveling southbound on Interstate 95 one mile north of Route 896. The officer stopped the car and approached the vehicle at which time he immediately smelled a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the interior. The driver (Horace) was found to be driving with a suspended license out of South Carolina and the passenger (Myers) was found to be hiding a small baggie of marijuana in his right sock. Both subjects were removed from the car and detained as officers searched the interior. Inside, they found a large amount of United States

Currency concealed in a natural space behind the dashboard. Further investigation revealed there was \$10,210 dollars in counterfeit money hidden in the vehicle. Both subjects were charged with four counts of forgery in the first degree, conspiracy in the second degree and possession of marijuana. Horace was also charged with maintaining a vehicle for keeping controlled substances, failure to display license plate and driving with a suspended license. Horace was arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institute after failing to post \$6,100 secured bail. Myers was arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institute after failing to post \$20,600 cash bail.



Car Stop, Subsequent Search Warrant

Police Seize Two Pounds of Marijuana and over \$4,000 in Cash

County Police have arrested two males and a female for felony drug offenses after the Mobile Enforcement Team (MET) and Tactical Utility Team (TUT) conducted two car stops while patrolling in the communities of Richardson Park and Alban Park. On Thursday (8/05), officers from (MET) and (TUT) were assigned to the Richardson Park and Alban Park communities in an effort to address quality of life issues. At 5:00 p.m., officers observed a green Cadillac Deville driving recklessly on Eureka Street. Officers attempted to pull the car over and the vehicle fled. The vehicle was seen later in the City of Wilmington and the driver was later located and arrested. He was identified as Tramaine Smith, a 23 year old who resides in the unit block of Mathes Avenue. Smith was in possession of \$296 at the time of his arrest. It was revealed that Smith's girlfriend, Amber Phoenix, a 24 year old female who resides at the same address, was attempting to contact him during the time of his arrest. Phoenix was known to have two active capiases from New Castle County Family Court. As officers were conducting surveillance on Mathes Avenue, Phoenix was observed leaving her home and entering a gray Honda Accord. At 8:20 p.m., the officers moved in and stopped the car. When officers contacted Phoenix, they immediately smelled a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the interior of the car. During a search incident to arrest, Phoenix was found with having 20 grams of marijuana in her purse and a small baggy containing cocaine in the vehicle. Lavince Brown, a 17 year old male who resides in the 1800 block of West 8th Street in the City of Wilmington, was also in the vehicle and was found to be in possession of crack cocaine and Oxycodone. Brown gave officers a false name and also concealed and attempted to dispose of 23 bags containing 4.4 grams of crack cocaine. Officers executed a search warrant at the home of Smith and Phoenix. Inside the home police found approximately two pounds of marijuana. They also found a large sum of cash in two separate locations. The total amount of cash seized from the home was \$3,770.



Four Suspects Apprehended During Burglary

County Police have arrested four suspects who broke into an Edgemoor Gardens home. Police had received a report of a male subject who entered through the front window of the home and was possibly still inside. This subject was caught as he fled from the window and was taken into custody while attempting to jump a fence at the rear of the residence. It was then learned that three subjects were still at large. At 1:00 a.m., County Police responded to a home in the unit block of South Cannon Drive for a report of a burglary in progress. When officers arrived, Sergeant Joseph Szczerba observed a male subject running from the home and then climb over a fence at the rear of the residence trying to elude capture. Officers were able to apprehend the subject outside the fenced area. The subject was found to be in possession of marijuana and food from the victim's freezer. It was then learned that three other subjects were still at large and officers could hear noises coming from the rear of the neighbor's home. When officers checked the neighbor's yard, they observed two subjects hiding, as they were lying in a high grass area. Another subject was found hiding in the rear of another home in the immediate area. The investigation has revealed the four subjects forced their way into the home and stole cash, DVD's, a camera and food. The suspects were arrested and charged with burglary related offenses.



Property Check by Mounted Officers Leads to Drug Bust

New Castle County Police have arrested Darry Williams, a 22 year old male who resides in the 1000 block of South Rodney Street in Wilmington after he was observed completing a drug transaction and was caught as he attempted to flee the area. On Thursday (8/19) at 6:40 p.m., mounted patrol officers were conducting a proactive patrol in the community of Rosehill when officers observed three male subjects completing a drug transaction in the Rosehill parkland. When officers entered the parkland three males were seen in the outfield grass of the baseball field. One subject was seen reaching into his pocket and passing an unknown object to one of the other males. All three horses and their partners took off at a canter toward the subjects. As they approached, one subject (Williams) decided to run and test his track abilities against the horses. While running on Ryan Avenue, the subject attempted to pass an unknown object to a female who was walking in the area. Williams was captured and found to be in possession of crack cocaine. Williams was also on probation for a gun charge and the Safe Streets Task Force was contacted. Williams was charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine, distribution of cocaine 300 feet of a parkland and resisting arrest. He has been arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institute after failing to post \$11,500 secured bond.



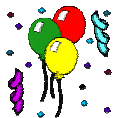
Fictitious Tags Leads to Teens Arrest

County Police have arrested **Anthony Matheka**, a 17 year old male who resides in the 100 block of Aidone Drive and **Deven Fincher**, a 16 year old male who resides in the unit block of Aidone Drive in Buena Vista Park Town homes. They have been charged with receiving stolen property and traffic related offenses after the car they were driving had a fictitious registration tag and was later found to be stolen. (New Castle) On Thursday (8/19) at 3:40 p.m., Officer Andrew Blithe was patrolling the area of Route 13 and Route 273 when he observed a Black Jeep Grand Cherokee driving northbound in front of the patrol car. The inspection sticker appeared to be tampered with and a computer inquiry revealed the vehicle's registration came back to a Cadillac Deville. As Officer Blithe attempted to get behind the car, the driver (Fincher) turned into the Airport Plaza Shopping Center and after exiting, and making a couple of turns, he hit a high curb at the intersection of School Lane and West Varsity Road. The vehicle sustained two flat tires and struck a fence in the rear yard of a home on Yorktown Road. Both subjects fled from the vehicle and, after a short foot chase, Officer Blithe caught the passenger (Matheka) and he was arrested. Fincher was later arrested at his residence. Both subjects were charged with receiving stolen property, conspiracy in the second degree, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, malicious mischief by a motor vehicle and resisting arrest. Fincher was also charged with having a fictitious registration tag. Both were arraigned and released on unsecured bail.

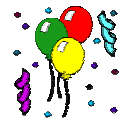


Suspect Linked to YMCA Thefts, Arrested

New Castle County Police have arrested **Ramone Shy**, a 22 year old male who resides in the unit block of Deville Circle in the development of Oakmont. He was arrested at his home and charged with numerous felony offenses after he had been linked to incidents that happened at two different YMCA locations. (New Castle) On Monday (8/30) at 2:30 p.m., the Safe Streets Task Force, United States Marshal's Fugitive Task Force and Shy's probation officer responded to the aforementioned address in an attempt of contacting Shy, who had an outstanding warrant that was issued by County Police and the Delaware State Police. When officers arrived, Shy was arrested inside his home without incident. An administrative search of the residence revealed Shy was in possession of approximately 5 grams of marijuana and \$1,503 in cash that was seized. Shy was linked to a burglary that occurred on Thursday, August 26th at the YMCA on Mt. Lebanon Road in Wilmington. Shy was able to enter the facility by using a fictitious membership card and once inside he gained access to a member's locker. He removed the victim's wallet and car keys, entered their vehicle and took a laptop computer. Shy also used the victim's credit card twice and made an attempt at another location. Shy was charged with maintaining a dwelling for keeping controlled substances, possession of marijuana, burglary in the third degree, two counts of theft, criminal impersonation, two counts of unlawful use of a credit card and attempted unlawful use of a credit card. He was also charged with theft, criminal mischief and felony theft from the warrant issued by State Police. He was arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institute after failing to post \$12,100 secured bail.



Happy retirement Kim



Senior Corporal Kimberly Watson has announced her intention to retire. Kim has been a member of the New Castle County Police Department since August 20, 1990. After graduating from the police academy, she was assigned to the patrol division. During her career with the agency, she has been assigned to the foot patrol unit in Garfield Park and later to the Human Resources Unit. While on patrol, she returned to college and completed her Master's Degree in Special Education. Kim has taken a teaching position with the Christina School District at the Bancroft Elementary School as a kindergarten teacher. She said she is adjusting to the transition as her retirement and new career began on the same day. "I literally worked midnights and then went in for 'day work' on my first day at Bancroft Elementary. Everything happened so fast, I haven't had much time to breath." She said, as a habit, she still checks her calendar from time to time to see what shift she would be working.