

**January 6, 2016:**

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Elsmere Police Department concluded a drug investigation. Sgt. Phil Young and Cpl. John Mitchell developed information that the target, Nasir Merritt 31 year old male from the 2500 Block of North Jefferson Street in Wilmington, was selling heroin in the Willow Run Community. Officers learned that Merritt was utilizing heroin addicted subjects to transport him to and from the community as well as let Merritt use their homes to sell heroin. Merritt was stopped for a pedestrian violation in Willow Run by Sgt. Young, Cpl. Mitchell and Ptlm. Macdowell. During the stop, officers located 83 bags of heroin inside of Merritt's pants. Officers also seized \$309.00 USC from Merritt. Officers learned that Merritt was also on probation.

Merritt was charged with Drug Dealing, Felony Possession of Heroin, and a Pedestrian Violation. Merritt received a \$7,000.00 secured bail for these charges and his probation was also violated. Merritt was transported the Howard Young Correctional Institution.



**January 6, 2016:**

On January 06, 2016 the Elsmere Police Department responded to the unit block of Second Avenue for a trespass in progress. Upon arriving officers determined that the subject was a victim of a robbery that had just occurred. The victim had been assaulted and required medical attention for a laceration to his lip and a broken jaw. During the investigation twenty six year old Justin Witcher of the 1300 block of Cypress Avenue was developed as a suspect and arrested.

Justin was charged with robbery first degree, assault second degree, possession of a firearm during Commission of a felony and carrying concealed deadly weapon. Justin

was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and his bail was set at \$100,000.00 cash. Justin was transported to the Howard Young Correctional Facility in lieu of bail.



**January 20, 2016:**

On January 20, 2016, the Elsmere Police Department concluded a drug investigation. Sgt. Phil Young and Cpl. John Mitchell developed information that target, Clarence "Boo Boo" Rivera 24 year old from the 1900 Block of Seneca Road in Wilmington, was selling heroin around the area of his residence. When officers arrived at the residence to execute the search warrant, Rivera was observed conducting a drug deal in front of his residence. Rivera was taken into custody after resisting arrest with officers. Officers located 15 bags of heroin, 13 oxycodone pills, and \$1,173.00 USC on his person. A search of the residence yielded an additional 75 bags of heroin and 50 rounds of .32 caliber ammunition.

Rivera was charged with Drug Dealing, Felony Possession of Heroin, and Resisting arrest. Rivera was released on a \$10,000.00 unsecured bail.



### **January 21, 2016**

On January 21, 2016, Sgt. Phil Young and Ptlm. Ben Wingate observed Robert Cunningham, 30 year old from the 1000 Block of Baltimore Ave, walking on Birch Ave. Officers were familiar with Cunningham and aware that he had an active capias for his arrest. Cunningham was then stopped prior to reaching the rear of his residence by officers. Ptlm. Wingate found 13 bags of heroin with the stamp "EXIT WOUND" in Cunningham's pocket.

Cunningham was charged with possession of heroin and also arraigned on his outstanding capias. Cunningham was released on \$1,500.00 unsecured bail.



### **January 22, 2016:**

On January 22, 2016, Elsmere Police Officers responded to the unit block of Tamarack Ave in reference to an assault. The victim was transported to the hospital and was determined to have several facial fractures as a result of the assault. Cpl. John Mitchell and Ptlm. Kevin MacDowell were able to determine that the suspect was John Short 40 year old male from the unit block of Tamarack Ave in Elsmere. Officers also discovered that Short continued to threaten the victim after the assault.

Short was arrested and charged with Felony Assault and Felony Victim Intimidation. Short is currently on probation. Short was committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution after failing to post \$10,000.00.



**January 30, 2016:**

On January 30, 2016, Sgt. Phil Young and Cpl. John Mitchell were driving to a location in the Willow Run Community in reference to a follow up investigation. Officers observed William Robinson 27 year old from the 1100 Block of Montgomery Rd standing behind his residence. Sgt. Young and Cpl. Mitchell are familiar with Robinson and were aware that he had absconded from his home confinement probation. Robinson was on probation from a prior robbery conviction. Robinson was also a person of interest regarding an armed robbery that occurred this month. Robinson ran from officers when they approached his residence. When officers found Robinson hiding in the woods, Robinson led them on a foot chase through Elsmere until Sgt. Young took him into custody behind a residence on Edison Ave. Sgt. Young and Cpl. Mitchell followed up with robbery investigation and were able to arrest Robinson for the crime. The robbery occurred on January 13, 2016 at the M & T Bank in Elsmere. Robinson approached an elderly victim at the ATM and put a perceived handgun onto the victim's back demanding money and then fled from the area.

Robinson was charged with Robbery 1<sup>st</sup>, Resisting arrest, and five (5) additional warrants including two violations of his probation. Robinson was committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution after failing to post \$71,000.00 secured bail.

