

**ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Monthly Report**  
**August 2018**

**Significant Events:**

On the following dates/times Elsmere Bureau of Police officers handled the below incidents and seized the following drugs, money and/or weapons.

**July 17, 2018:**

**Suspects Identified In Vehicle Break-Ins**

Det. Sowden signed warrants for two juveniles for vehicle break-ins that took place on Filbert Avenue and Junction Street in the month of June. One juvenile was identified by latent prints obtained by Ptlm. Franzone. This latent hit lead Det. Sowden to identify the other juvenile suspect.

Both suspects were charged with 2 counts of Burglary 3rd, 2 counts of Theft Under \$1,500, Conspiracy, Attempted Theft Over \$, 1,500 and Criminal Trespass 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**July 27, 2018:**

**Stolen Handgun Recovered From an Injured Person**

On July 27, 2018, Officer Singleton responded to the walking path located behind the 1300 Block of Maple Avenue for an injured person complaint. Officer Singleton discovered that the injured person, Patrick Dunfee (50-year-old male currently homeless), was intoxicated and fell off of his bicycle. Officer Singleton discovered that Dunfee had an extended gun magazine loaded with ammunition in his pocket. A loaded Hi-Point 9mm Handgun was located on the ground next to where Dunfee was found. Officers discovered that the recovered handgun was reported stolen from the City of Wilmington back in 2014.

Dunfee is a person prohibited from a guilty Attempted Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree charge that occurred in 2005.

Dunfee was charged with Possessing a Handgun and Ammunition by a Person Prohibited, Receiving a Stolen Firearm and Possession of a Firearm While Under the Influence. Dunfee was committed and transported to the Howard Young Correctional Institution after failing to post the \$3,000.00 secured bond.



**July 29, 2018:**

### **Handgun Seized During DUI Crash Investigation**

On July 29, 2018, Patrolman Singleton and Sergeant Young responded to 915 New Road (Wawa) for a hit and run accident investigation. A witness observed a blue Ford Fusion crash into a DP&L pole located on Kirkwood Highway at the Poplar Avenue intersection. The suspect fled the scene and was followed to the Elsmere Wawa. Officers located the suspect vehicle and identified the driver as Robert Fitzsimmons (33-year-old male from Milton, DE). Officers conducted a DUI investigation and arrested Fitzsimmons for same.

Officers also located one (1) 9mm SCCY CPX-2 Handgun, two (2) magazines, twenty-one (21) ammunition rounds, and minor amount of marijuana inside of the vehicle. Fitzsimmons was charged with Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Firearm), Possession of a Firearm While Under the Influence, Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs, Civil Marijuana Possession, Failure to Report an Accident Involving Alcohol/Drugs, Failure to Remain in a Single Lane, and Reckless Driving. Fitzsimmons was released on \$4,300.00 unsecured bond.

