

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
February 2019

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.

December 31, 2018:

Attempt to Identify Robbery Suspect

The Elsmere Bureau of Police is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the subject in this composite sketch. The individual is a suspect in a robbery that took place at the Metro PCS store located in the 900 block of Kirkwood Highway on December 31, 2018. The suspect is described a clean-shaven Hispanic male with a thin build. The suspect is said to be between 5'7"-5'10" tall and was wearing a burgundy hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, and black shoes. If anyone is able to identify this subject, please contact Detective Scot Sowden via phone at 302-998-1173 ext. 208 or by email at scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us



January 5, 2019:

Special Olympics Bowling Tournament



Det. Scot Sowden

January 7, 2019:

Public Service Announcement: Lock it or Lose it!

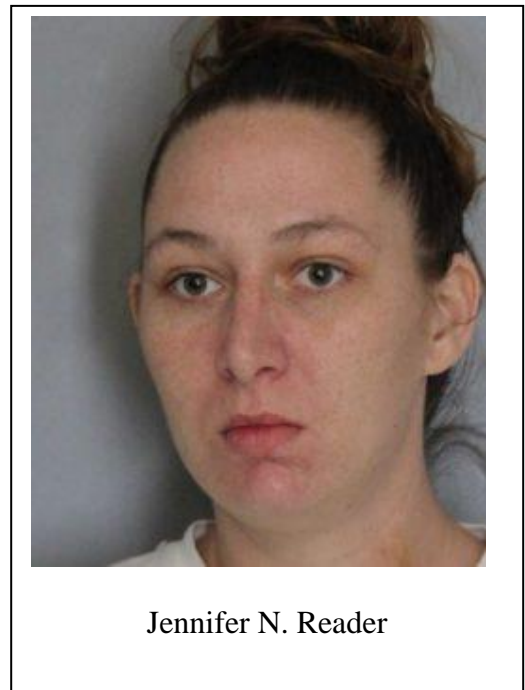


We are encouraging residents to take steps to protect their property and prevent crime by not presenting crimes of opportunity. This is to serve as a reminder to lock your vehicle doors and remove any valuables, even when parking in your driveway. Please remember, often an unlocked vehicle can provide a burglar access to your home using your garage door opener or spare key. Take the time to set preventative measures to protect your property and valuables.

The Elsmere Police Department strives to promote active participation amongst residents to report suspicious activity when it is observed. The public is a valuable partner in the prevention and solving of crime. We ask the residents of the Town of Elsmere to be aware of any suspicious activity and to report it to Police immediately. If you observe something that seems suspicious, we ask that you call **911** or the **Non-Emergency Number @ 302-573-2800** so an officer can be dispatched to investigate.

January 8, 2019:

Arrest Made – Wilmington –Attempted Purse Snatching



The Delaware State Police have arrested Jeffrey M. Poore, 37, and Jennifer N. Reader, 32, both of Elsmere, for their involvement in an attempted purse snatching that took place in the 1600 block of Kirkwood Hwy., on News Year Day.

During the incident, a male subject later identified as Poore, attempted to snatch the purse of an 18-year-old female victim as she walked along the sidewalk in front of the VA hospital. After a brief struggle, the victim was able to retain possession of her purse, but did sustain a laceration to her hand, which required medical treatment. After the robbery attempt, Poore fled on foot across Kirkwood Hwy., towards Maple Avenue.

Through a variety of investigative measures, Delaware State Police detectives with the assistance of the Elsmere Police Department were able to develop a blue, Pontiac G6 as a suspect vehicle. The vehicle was then positively linked to Reader, who resides in the 1200 block of Maple Avenue, in Elsmere. Further investigation resulted in the positive identification of Poore, who was taken in to custody without incident, in the vicinity of the Maple Avenue residence. In addition to confirming Poore's involvement in the incident, detectives were also able to determine that Reader was involved with not only the planning of the robbery, but also acted as the getaway driver after the failed attempt.

Both subjects were transported to Troop 2 where they were formally charged and arraigned. Poore was charged with one count each of Attempted Robbery 1st Degree, Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. Reader was charged with one count of Conspiracy 2nd Degree.

Poore was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and then committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$51,000.00 secured bail.

Reader was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on \$1000.00 unsecured bail.

January 27, 2019:

Juveniles Robbery Suspects Arrested

On Sunday, January 27, 2019, Elsmere PD assisted New Castle County Police Department with a robbery in progress involving a firearm. Officers responded to the 300 block of Woodward Avenue for 5-6 black male juveniles all dressed in black brandished a firearm, assaulted and stole the victims iPhone.

A short time later, Ptlm. Franzone observed a group of juvenile suspects in the area of Sanders Road. Ptlm. Franzone stopped the suspects and located a black semi-automatic BB gun and the victim's iPhone. The suspects were all positively identified as the suspects of the robbery. One juvenile was an Elsmere resident and the remaining suspects lived in the City of Wilmington.

January 28, 2019:

Suspect In a Unlawful Use of a Credit Card & Theft

The Elsmere Bureau of Police is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the below subject. This individual is a suspect in an unlawful use of a credit card and theft. If you have any information, please contact Det. Sowden at (302) 998-1173 or scot.sowden@cj.state.de.us.

