

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
February 2020

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.

January 1, 2020:

Man Arrested after Discharging Weapon and Falsifying Report

On January 1, 2020 Officers responded to a local hospital to make contact with a gunshot victim. Officers made contact with Hector Torres, 48 of Elsmere. Hector stated that shortly after midnight he was outside of his residence when he observed a black male with dreadlocks raising a gun in the air as if he was going to discharge it in a New Year's celebration. Hector stated that he tried to sneak up on the male and take the gun from him, but the gun discharged and the male fled in an unknown direction.

Upon further investigating this matter, it was learned that it was Hector himself who discharged a firearm in front of his residence putting neighbors in danger of being struck with the projectile. Hector fabricated the story about the black male with dreadlocks.

Based on the investigation Hector was charged with 7 counts of Reckless Endangering 1st Degree, 1 Count of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, 1 Count of Felony Providing a False Statement to Police, 1 Count of Felony Hindering Prosecution, 1 Count of Felony Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and 1 Count of Discharging a Firearm. Hector was arraigned and released on \$70,500 unsecured bond.



December 11, 2019:

Drug Investigation Leads to Arrest

On December 11, 2019, TFO Giles and other members of the United States Department of Homeland Security Task Force concluded a drug investigation involving Mark HUNTER, a 50 year old male of 1300 block of W. 6th Street, Wilmington. A search warrant was executed at HUNTER's residence and officers recovered the following evidence:

- Hydraulic kilogram machine press
- 1 Manual pill press
- 1 Electric pill press machine (capable of producing approximately 6,000 pills/hour)
- Multiple metal pill dies/casts
- Packaging equipment and scales
- Counterfeit PERCOCET packaging material and labels
- 1 Illegal credit card reading/writing machine
- 50+ blank credit cards
- \$1,360.00 Cash
- Approximately 2.8 kilograms of Fentanyl/cutting agent powdered mix

The investigation revealed that HUNTER was producing Fentanyl pills which he then sold as legitimate prescription PERCOTEC pills using counterfeit labels. HUNTER was charged with Tier 5 Possession of a Controlled Substance, Tier 4 Possess w/Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance, Trademark Counterfeiting, Operating a Clandestine Drug Laboratory, Maintaining a Drug Property, Manufacturing Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Forgery Devices, Possession of Pill Plate Dies/ Molds, and Possession of an Encoder Device. HUNTER received \$125,000.00 Unsecured bail and was released.

