



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: St. Georges Man Arrested After Pepper Spraying Police Officers

The Newark Police Department has arrested a 19 year old St. Georges man after he pepper sprayed a police officer and attempted to spray a second officer during a drug investigation. On August 17th at approximately 9:56am officers responded to the 200 block of East Delaware Avenue where the defendant, Justin N. Miro, and another individual were reported to be smoking marijuana. During the investigation officers attempted to detain Miro who proceeded to pull away from officers and remove pepper spray from his pocket. Miro then sprayed one officer in the face, attempted to spray a second officer and then attempted to ride away on a bicycle. Miro, however, was subdued with a Taser device as he began to ride away and was taken into custody by the two officers without further incident. Miro was found in possession of "K2" (a synthetic marijuana) and drug paraphernalia. He was also found in possession of stolen property including a wallet, Ipod, and GPS unit.

One officer was treated at Christiana Hospital for a minor eye injury and released.

Defendant: Justin N. Miro DOB 08/01/1992
3 Delaware Street
St. Georges, DE 19733

Charges: 2 counts Assault 2nd on Law Enforcement Officer
1 count Possession of a Deadly Weapon During Commission of a Felony
1 count Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon
1 count Resisting Arrest with Force
1 count Possession of a Narcotic Schedule 1 Substance
1 count Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
1 count Criminal Mischief
2 counts Receiving Stolen Property

Miro was committed to Howard Young Correctional in lieu of \$26,250 bail.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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