



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: New Castle Man Arrested for Felony DUI Following Hit and Run Collision

On January 24th, 2012 at approximately 11:00pm the Newark Police Department arrested 61 year old Leonard K. Baylis of New Castle for Felony DUI and related offenses following a hit and run collision on Elkton Road at West Park Place.

At this time a motorist was stopped for a red light on westbound Elkton Road at West Park Place when a westbound vehicle, operated by Baylis, entered into the left turn lane and sideswiped the left side of the stopped vehicle. Baylis did not stop following the collision and swerved back into the westbound lane and proceeded westbound on Elkton Road. The operator of the struck vehicle then followed Baylis who proceeded into Suburban Plaza where he parked his vehicle and entered a store. The motorists contacted NPD and as an officer arrived to investigate Baylis exited the store, reentered his vehicle and drove away. The officer attempted to stop Baylis as he drove through the shopping center; however he refused to stop his vehicle. Baylis drove around the rear of the shopping center, onto Suburban Drive and then back into the shopping center. As other officers arrived on scene Baylis stopped his vehicle, however, he refused to exit the vehicle. Baylis then resisted the officers attempts to remove him from the vehicle to be handcuffed. He was, however, quickly handcuffed by the officers after a brief struggle. No one was injured during the incident.

Baylis was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The vehicle he was operating was found to be stolen from a car dealership in New Castle and displayed a fictitious license plate.

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Baylis was arrested on the below listed charges:

Defendant: Leonard K. Baylis DOB 09/05/1950
186 North Dupont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720

Charges: Felony DUI (4th Offense)
Felony Receiving Stolen Property
Disregarding a Police Officer Signal
Resisting Arrest
Leaving Scene of Property Damage Collision
Driving While Suspended
Displaying Fictitious Registration Plate
Failure To Stay in Lane

Baylis was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional in lieu of \$9,383 bail.

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