

Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Agents Use Taser to Break Up Wild Fight Outside New Castle Restaurant

At approximately 2:15am on Sunday, August 3rd, agents with the Division of Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement were investigating a late party at Mi Cosina Mexican Restaurant located at 165 S. DuPont Highway in New Castle. When agents arrived they discovered the sale and consumption of alcohol occurring at the business during a time which it is prohibited by law. The patrons were directed to leave the establishment while the agents were conducting their investigation.

Shortly thereafter a large fight broke out outside and several individuals with belts in hand were swinging the buckles around at each other. Agents exited the establishment and ordered them to stop. Several individuals stopped and fled on foot however two male subjects continued fighting on the ground with one on top of the other. One subject identified as Humberto Lopez-Gonzalez, 36, of Warwick, MD, was on top of another subject, David Reyes, 28, of Wilmington, striking him with a closed fist. Both refused orders of the agents to stop fighting at which time a Division of Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement agent deployed his Taser and fired it at Lopez-Gonzalez in an attempt to stop the assault. The fight then ended and both subjects were subsequently taken into custody without further incident.

Lopez-Gonzalez was transported to Christiana Hospital due to injuries sustained in the fight. He was charged with Offensive Touching and Disorderly Conduct and released at the hospital.

Reyes was charged with Disorderly Conduct and was released.

Administrative sanctions will also be taken against the liquor license of Mi Cosina for allowing the after-hours event to occur in violation of state law.