

# Shooting At Police, Gun Charges, Child Sexual Abuse Charges Lead to Prison Sentences For Defendants

A 20-year old Newark man will spend the next six years in prison for shooting at a Wilmington Police car. Deputy Attorneys General Joe Grubb and Michael Degliobizzi secured the sentence, following Taleem Bryant's conviction for Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Reckless Endangering First Degree, and two counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. In October 2015, officers heard gunshots as they patrolled the area of West Fourth and North Franklin streets. When officers saw a car drive away from the 1300 block of W. Fourth St., they saw a backseat passenger fire a gun at their car. Police stopped the car a short time later at the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Madison Street, got a search warrant for the vehicle, and found a 9mm semiautomatic handgun wedged in the seat. Prosecutors had requested 10 years in prison at the sentencing hearing.

Deputy Attorney General Jeff Rigby secured a guilty verdict and prison sentence on a charge of Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited for 22-year-old Michael Walker of Dover. In September 2015, Walker, prohibited from having a gun due to a previous felony assault conviction, threw a 9mm handgun he was carrying when police stopped him to investigate a car accident he had near the intersection of Forrest Avenue and Kenton Road in Dover. After convicting him in the bench trial, Judge William Witham, Jr. sentenced Walker to 15 years Level V, suspended after 5 years, followed by 1 year Level IV work release, followed by 1 year of Level III probation.

A 27-year-old New Castle man will spend 15 years in prison for Robbery First Degree, Conspiracy Second Degree, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, and Drug Dealing Heroin. Deputy Attorney General Barzilai Axelrod secured the sentence for Timothy Outlaw, who in August of 2015, robbed a victim at gun point in the 400 block of West Avenue in New Castle. A subsequent search of Outlaw's house yielded a .44 Magnum and a 9mm semi-automatic firearm, the victim's purse, and approximately 1.25 grams of heroin. Outlaw was sentenced by the court to 15 Years Level V, followed by 6 months at Level IV, and 2 years of Level III probation.

Deputy Attorney General Caterina Gatto secured a prison sentence for Lambert Rollins, 36, of Wilmington for Drug Dealing in Heroin, Conspiracy Second Degree, and Resisting Arrest. Acting on a tip in May 2015, police saw Rollins pull into the parking lot of the University Plaza Shopping Center on Chapman Road in Newark in order to complete a heroin sale. Upon seeing police, Rollins tried to drive away, hitting a parked car. Rollins was declared a habitual offender on the Drug Dealing charge and sentenced by the court to four years in prison, followed by six months at Level IV. He received one year of Level III probation for the Conspiracy and Resisting Arrest.

Deputy Attorney General Jan van Amerongen secured a prison sentence for Jair Molina, 39, of New Castle. Molina will serve 20 years in prison and register as a Tier III sex offender for his conviction of Sexual Abuse of a Child by a Person of Trust. From 2012 to 2014, Molina repeatedly sexually abused a child in his care.

Deputy Attorney General Kathleen Dickerson secured an eight-year prison sentence for 34-year-old Harold Philhower of Smyrna. A Kent County jury found Philhower guilty of Rape Third Degree and three counts of Possession of Child Pornography in January. In October 2014, Philhower was seen having inappropriate contact with a 13-year-old girl. Further

investigation revealed the girl had sent Philhower three inappropriate pictures of herself. Following his mandatory eight-year sentence, Philhower will serve two years at Level III probation.