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NCCPD Cites Two for Operating ATV's in Communities

The New Castle County Police charged two New Castle adults after they were seen operating off-highway vehicles (OHV) recklessly on public roadways.

(New Castle, DE 19720) On Tuesday (03/08) The New Castle County Mobile Enforcement Team (MET) was conducting pro-active patrol in the communities of Collins Park, Swanwyck Estates, Simonds Gardens, and other areas surrounding New Castle Avenue. These areas, amongst others throughout the county, have been identified in weekly TAPS meetings as having issues regarding reckless ATV operations and violations.

Members of MET stopped an 18-year-old male in the area of Lambson Lane and East Ave in the community of Simonds Gardens while he was riding a purple four-wheeler recklessly on the roadways. The 18-year-old was charged with multiple traffic violations and the ATV was towed and seized pending trial. A 16-year-old passenger on the four-wheeler was also found to be in possession of marijuana and was charged accordingly.

The Mobile Enforcement Team also stopped a 29-year-old male on Martin Drive in the Collins Park community after he was observed operating a blue four-wheeler recklessly on the roadways. He too was charged with numerous traffic violations and the ATV was towed and seized pending trial.

The New Castle County Police want to remind residents that Delaware law prohibits the operation of OHVs/ATVs on public roadways, sidewalks, private property (without the consent from the property owner) or right-of-way locations within the state of Delaware. The only exception to this law is during special events, which require permits from the governmental body having jurisdiction over the area.

The penalties for riding an OHV/ATV in prohibited areas when stopped by police include a citation, possible towing and storage fees and, if convicted a fine of \$100 and impoundment for up to 100 days at the expense of the owner.

If there are subsequent offense(s) within 24 months of a prior conviction or of a similar OHV state or local law, statute or ordinance, an operator could face a fine of \$400 and impoundment for a mandatory minimum time period of six (6) months, at the expense of the owner.

Please call the New Castle County Police Department if you observe an OHV/ATV. You are asked to please provide a description of the OHV/ATV, operator and location (including where the operator may reside) by calling the non-emergency number at (302) 573-2800.

