

## **News Release 06/10/16**



### **SPD Detectives solve local burglary; team up with DSP to solve several more state wide.**

A several months long burglary investigation by SPD detectives culminated in the arrest of the suspect on Wednesday. In late March, SPD began investigating a commercial burglary which occurred at the First State Orthopedics office at 100 S Main St. in which a suspect entered the closed business and stole laptop computers. During the course of this investigation, SPD released surveillance images of the suspect to the public via social media and traditional news outlets. Thanks in part to a tremendous public response; investigators were able to positively identify Thomas Norris, 54 of Wilmington as their suspect. Arrest warrants were obtained charging Mr. Norris with this offense. It was around this time that Mr. Norris left the Smyrna area and eluded investigators for nearly two months. In mid-May of this year SPD detectives received information that Delaware State Police Troop 2 detectives were investigating a rash of similar burglaries occurring in their jurisdiction. SPD detectives contacted Troop 2 and assisted DSP in positively identifying Thomas Norris as their suspect in many of their incidents. It was at this time that a joint investigation was launched between SPD and DSP Troop 2 detectives. During the course of this team effort, investigators began closing in on Mr. Norris. On 6/8/16 he was observed by SPD and DSP detectives leaving the Delasoft business, located at 92 Reads Way, New Castle, which he had just burglarized. Mr. Norris was taken into custody without further incident and was found to be in possession of a stolen laptop computer when he was apprehended. He was transported to Troop 2 where he was arraigned via video court in JP #2 on his Smyrna PD charges of Burglary 3rd and Theft under \$1500 as well as many similar DSP charges. Mr. Norris was committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$29,500 secured bail for all of his charges. The Smyrna Police Dept. would like to thank all of those members of the public who provided us with tips during this investigation. Their help was instrumental in solving not only our case, but also several more burglaries which occurred across the state. We would also like to recognize the outstanding team work displayed by our fellow detectives at the DSP.