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OCPD Officer Recover Loaded Stolen Handgun and Drugs, During Morning Traffic Stop

On March 9, 2009, at 9:15 A. M., Ocean City Police stopped a car for an equipment violation. During the traffic stop, Police Officers 1st Class Andrew Yeager and Michael Richardson, detected the odor of burning Marijuana coming from the passenger compartment of the car.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Laver Isaiah Crawford, 23-years old of Norfolk, Virginia. During the stop Crawford told police he had been smoking Marijuana and that there was a gun located in the car.

Officers recovered a loaded .45 caliber automatic handgun and an extra loaded magazine next to the driver's seat. It was later determined the gun was stolen. Officer also recovered a quantity of suspected Marijuana from Crawford's person and from inside the vehicle.

Crawford was arrested for possession of Marijuana, possession of a handgun, concealed deadly weapon and theft.

Crawford was seen by an Ocean City District Court Commissioner and held on \$25,000 bond. Crawford was transferred to the Worcester County Jail.



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