

Adult Complaint and Warrant
In the Justice of the Peace Court
In and for the
State of Delaware

State of Delaware vs. **WALTER W. MOORHEAD**

I, DET CSAPO (00295) of DSP HEADQUARTERS, do hereby state under oath or affirmation, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief that the above-named accused violated the laws of the State of Delaware by committing criminal acts in Sussex county on or about the date, or dates, and at or about the location, or locations, as indicated in Exhibit A hereto attached and made a part hereof.

Wherefore, your affiant prays that the above-named accused may be forthwith approached and held to answer this complaint consisting of 5 charges, and to be further dealt with as the law directs.

X /s/ DET CSAPO (00295)
Affiant/Videophone Warrant

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 19th day of September AD, 2026.

/s/ MICHAEL GREEN
Judge/Commissioner/Court Official

(To be completed by the Judge/Commissioner/Court Official)

- A. _____ The crime was committed by a child.
B. _____ A misdemeanor was committed against a child.
C. _____ A misdemeanor was committed by one family member against another family member.
D. _____ Other: Explain _____

Warrant

To any constable or other authorized person:

Whereas, the foregoing complaint consisting of **5** charges, having been made, as listed in Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, and having determined that said complaint has been properly sworn to and having found that there exists probable cause for the issuance of process, based upon the affidavit of probable cause which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B, you are hereby commanded in the name of the State of Delaware, to take **WALTER W. MOORHEAD** accused, and bring same before

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT 02, FORTHWITH, to answer said charges

/s/ MICHAEL GREEN
Judge/Commissioner/Court Official

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 19th day of September AD, 2026.

Executed on 09/18/2026 by CSAPO

Case Number: **26 09 012007** Warrant Number: **00 26 007559** Arrest Number: **49 75 04**

Exhibit A

Charge Sequence: 001 Police Complaint Number: 07 26 064695 Arrest Number: 497504

Charge: **Manslaughter Recklessly Caused Death Of Another Person**

In Violation of 11 Del.C. § 0632 0001 F B

Location: S Old State RD - Ellendale, 19941

TO WIT: WALTER W MOORHEAD, on or about the 18th day of September, 2026, in the County of Sussex, State of Delaware, did recklessly cause the death of "

Charge Sequence: 002 Police Complaint Number: 07 26 064695 Arrest Number: 497504

Charge: **Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony**

In Violation of 11 Del.C. § 1447 A00A F B

Location: S Old State RD - Ellendale, 19941

TO WIT: WALTER W MOORHEAD, on or about the 18th day of September, 2026, in the County of Sussex, State of Delaware, did possess a firearm during the commission of the felony of Manslaughter.

Charge Sequence: 003 Police Complaint Number: 07 26 064695 Arrest Number: 497504

Charge: **Reckless Endanger First Degree Creates a Substantial Risk of Death to Another**

In Violation of 11 Del.C. § 0604 000A F E

Location: S Old State RD - Ellendale, 19941

TO WIT: WALTER W MOORHEAD, on or about the 18th day of September, 2026, in the County of Sussex, State of Delaware, did recklessly engage in conduct which created a substantial risk of death to one " by discharging a rifle style firearm aimed in " direction.

Charge Sequence: 004 Police Complaint Number: 07 26 064695 Arrest Number: 497504

Charge: **Reckless Endanger First Degree Creates a Substantial Risk of Death to Another**

In Violation of 11 Del.C. § 0604 000A F E

Location: S Old State RD - Ellendale, 19941

TO WIT: WALTER W MOORHEAD, on or about the 18th day of September, 2026, in the County of Sussex, State of Delaware, did recklessly engage in conduct which created a substantial risk of death to one " by discharging a rifle style firearm aimed in " direction.

Charge Sequence: 005 Police Complaint Number: 07 26 064695 Arrest Number: 497504

Charge: **Reckless Endanger First Degree Creates a Substantial Risk of Death to Another**

In Violation of 11 Del.C. § 0604 000A F E

Location: S Old State RD - Ellendale, 19941

TO WIT: WALTER W MOORHEAD, on or about the 18th day of September, 2026, in the County of Sussex, State of Delaware, did recklessly engage in conduct which created a substantial risk of death to one " by discharging a rifle style firearm aimed in " direction.

Exhibit B

Also Known As:

Date of Birth/Age: **08/08/1952 (74)**

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Driver's License:

Sex: _____

Race: _____

Height: _____

Weight: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Address: **1627 CRAWFORD DR
SALISBURY, MD 218048134**

Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Date and Times of Offense: **Between 09/18/2026 at 1938 and 09/18/2026 1942**Location of Offense: **S Old State RD - Ellendale, 19941****Alias:****WALTER MOORHEAD**

Your affiant DET CSAPO can truly state that:

1. Your Affiant is a sworn member of the Delaware State Police and is assigned to the Homicide Unit.
2. Your Affiant responded to an open field located on the east side of S. Old State Rd., just north of E. Robbins Rd., Ellendale on Friday 9/18/2026 at approximately 1942 hours (reported) for a _____ victim, who was identified as _____ with gunshot injury to _____ upper torso. Your Affiant was instructed that a 911 call was received from victim/l _____ reporting the gunshot injury to his _____ victim/l _____. Your Affiant learned that EMS and Delaware State Police officers from DSP/Troop 7 responded to the scene and executed life saving measures prior to transporting victim/ _____ to Bayhealth Medical Center, Milford, DE., for further treatment. While at the listed medical facility, medical personnel confirmed gunshot related injury(s) to the victim's upper torso. Your Affiant was instructed that life saving measures continued until victim _____ was pronounced deceased.
3. Your Affiant was advised that the Delaware Division of Forensic Sciences responded to the listed medical facility to assume custody of victim/_____. _____ for an autopsy.
4. Your Affiant was advised that on-scene law enforcement established contact with the defendant/Walter Moorhead, (WMN-8/8/1952), who was at the incident location hunting deer. A search of the incident location yielded the discovery of a rifled firearm with a scope within the immediate location of a hunting ground blind/tent structure. On-scene law enforcement transported defendant/Moorhead to DSP/Troop 4, Georgetown, DE., for further questioning.

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5. Delaware State Police Evidence Detectives responded to the incident location to document the crime scene and collect items of value, which included a rifled firearm with a sighting scope affixed to the top of the firearm.

6. Your Affiant established contact with victim/ [redacted], who identified [redacted] as the [redacted] of victim/ [redacted], as well as the person who notified 911 after victim/ [redacted] was shot. [redacted] stated before the gunfire, [redacted] was walking in a field located on the east side of S. Old State Rd., just north of E. Robbins Rd., Ellendale, DE., with deceased victim [redacted] and his [redacted] years old, and [redacted]. Victim [redacted] advised as they were all walking together in the described open field, [redacted] heard "an explosion", then observed victim [redacted] fall onto the ground. Victim [redacted] stated [redacted] immediately checked on victim/ [redacted] who was unresponsive, and observed blood flowing from the front side of [redacted] upper torso. Victim [redacted] state [redacted] applied pressure to the injury and contacted 911 for assistance.

7. Your Affiant was further advised from victim [redacted] that prior to the arrival of law enforcement and medical responders, [redacted] observed an older white male approach [redacted] location with a flashlight, who was searching for a deer he had just shot. Your Affiant acknowledged that once the police arrived on-scene, they made contact with the described male. Victim [redacted] described that when victim [redacted] fell to the ground, [redacted] and his two [redacted] [redacted], were walking closely, within an arms length, of victim/ [redacted].

8. Your Affiant responded to Delaware State Police/Troop 4, Georgetown, DE., and contacted defendant/Walter Moorhead, WMN-8/8/1952) for a statement. After reading defendant/Moorhead his Miranda Rights, he acknowledged to being in the above described field hunting deer with his rifled weapon with a scope affixed to the firearm. Defendant/Moorhead acknowledged being positioned within a tent structure when he fired his weapon at a "doe"/deer. Defendant/Moorhead acknowledged he initially sighted the animal in his scope, but had to reposition because the animal was moving. Defendant/Moorhead stated after repositioning himself and his weapon, he discharged his weapon towards what he thought was the "doe"/deer.

9. Your Affiant was further instructed by defendant/Moorhead that when he responded toward the location of where he fired his rifle, he observed a [redacted] subject with what appeared to be gunshot injury to [redacted] body,

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surrounded by an adult and two ... Defendant/Moorhead stated after seeing the injured, he acknowledged that injury was a result of him discharging his rifled weapon.

Affiant: DET CSAPO (00295) of DSP HEADQUARTERS

Victims:	Date of Birth	Relationship Victim to Defendant
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Approval and Arrest Information

Approved by: **100993 : GREEN MICHAEL**

Approved on: **09/19/2026 at 05:35 AM**

Approval Entered by: **CJPMGRE : MICHAEL L GREEN**

Active Arrest Number: **497504**

Date of Arrest: **09/18/2026 at 20:00**

Arresting Agency: **Delaware State Police Headquarters**

Arresting Officer: **DET MARK CSAPO (295)**