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NEAR BOWERS BEACH, Del. - A commercial conch waterman has been arrested in Delaware, according to Wildlife officials.

DNREC Division of Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers arrested a New Jersey-based, Delaware-licensed commercial waterman July 24 on numerous fisheries-related charges and a felony after he tried to evade a fisheries compliance boarding on Delaware Bay and steered his vessel away and into the path of a police boat, that's according to Wildlife officials.



Natural Resources Police said Tuesday that as their patrol boat neared the commercial vessel, its captain, **Kenneth W. Bailey**, 61, of Heislerville, N.J., put the motor in gear and turned hard, nearly causing a collision with the approaching patrol boat. His crew was also observed dumping the contents of several bushel baskets of conch into the bay, despite a police command to stop, according to Cpl. John McDerby, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police.

Officials said Bailey was charged with felony tampering with physical evidence, second-degree reckless endangering, unlawful possession of horseshoe crabs for use as bait without a valid receipt and 103 counts of possession of undersized knobbed conch. Bailey was arraigned July 24 in Justice of the Peace Court 7 in Dover and released, pending a court date in the Court of Common Pleas.