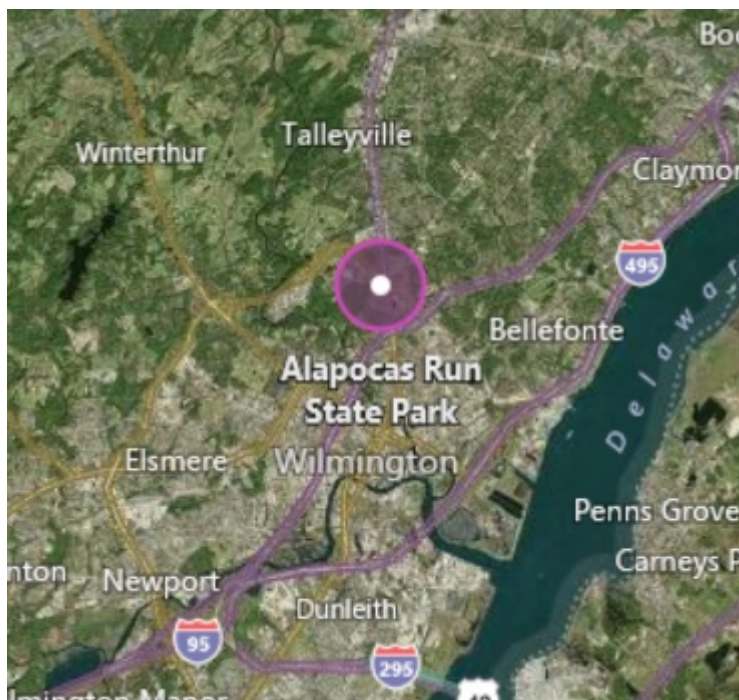


Troopers Conducting Investigation into Missing Swimmer



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Wilmington- The Delaware State Police Major Crimes Unit is currently investigating the report of a missing Wilmington man who was last seen jumping into the Brandywine Creek last night.

The initial investigation began on Monday, July 24, 2017 at approximately 8:11 p.m., after troopers responded to the Alapocas Run State Park, located at 1914 W. Park Drive, to assist DNREC Natural Resources Police; State Parks Enforcement, and local fire companies with the search of a 20-year-old male subject who had been reported missing after he had jumped into the Brandywine Creek and never resurfaced. It was learned that the victim was at the creek with three other male subjects and had jumped into the water utilizing a

rope swing at approximately 6:30 p.m. He was last seen going over a dam in the creek. The other three subjects eventually reported the incident to 9-1-1 at approximately 8:11 p.m. after they had returned to their homes located within the city of Wilmington. A search of the water and surrounding areas was conducted but was suspended at approximately 11:00 p.m. without the missing subject being located.

The Delaware State Police Major Crimes Unit has responded to the scene and has assumed this investigation. More information will be released as details become available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Major Crimes Unit at Troop 2 at 302-365-8567. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com and select submit a tip! No IP address are recorded.

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