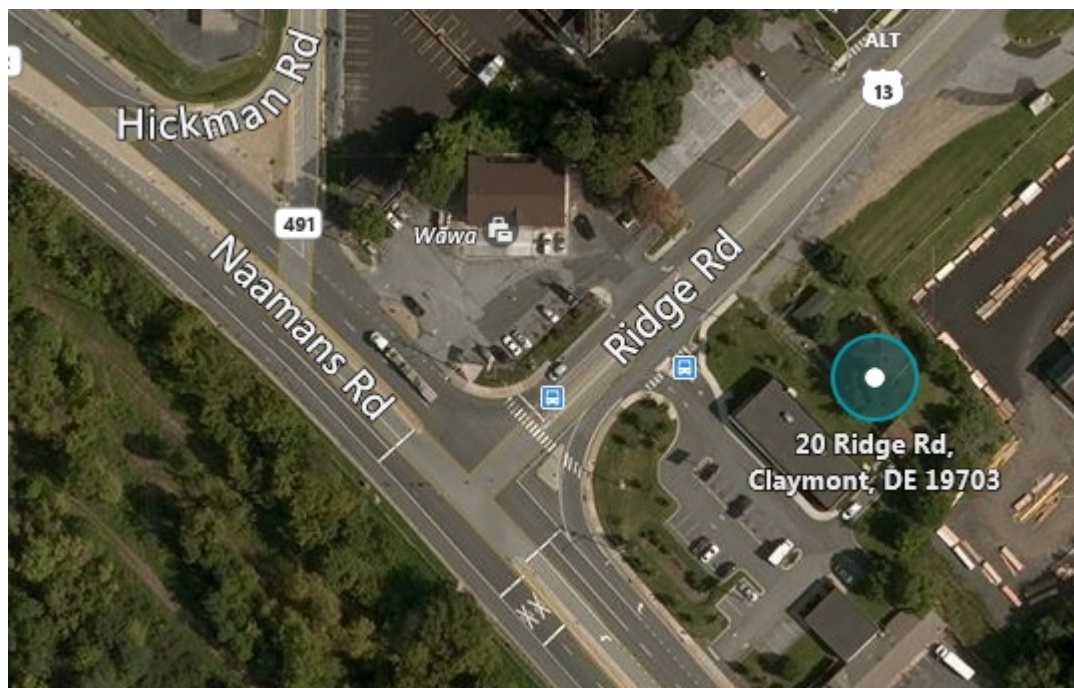


Troopers Investigating Robbery at Claymont Florist



Claymont- Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a 62 year old business owner that took place outside a Claymont area florist earlier this week.

The incident occurred at approximately 2:43 p.m., Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at the Silver Queen Florist, located at 20 Ridge Road, Claymont, as the shopkeeper was approached while outside the front door of his business by a black male suspect who inquired about making a purchase. As the victim turned his back to proceed back in to the business to assist with the inquiry, the suspect knocked him to the ground and proceeded to rifle through his pockets, while demanding money.

A bystander who heard yelling then approached, at which time the suspect fled without obtaining any money or property. The suspect was last seen entering into a blue mini-van which was parked in the lot of the adjacent Wawa, that fled westbound on Naaman's Road. The victim sustained minor injuries as a result of the incident.

The suspect is described as a black male, 40-50 years of age, 5'8"-5'9", with a muscular build, wearing all dark clothing to include a winter hat.

No surveillance photos are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8566.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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