Troopers Investigating Attempted Purse Snatching – Wilmington

Wilmington (19805) – The Delaware State Police are investigating an attempted purse snatching that took place Tuesday afternoon in Wilmington.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, January, 1, 2019 in the 1600 block of Kirkwood Hwy, as an 18 year old Elsmere woman was walking westbound on the sidewalk, in front of the VA Hospital. A male suspect walking eastbound approached the victim and attempted to engage her in a conversation. The victim refused to do so and continued walking. The suspect then approached the suspect from behind and attempted to grab her purse. A struggle over the purse ensued, with the victim retaining possession. The suspect then fled on foot across Kirkwood Hwy., towards Maple Ave. The victim was treated at an area hospital for a laceration to her hand, sustained during the altercation.

The suspect was described as white male, 20-30 years of age 5'7″-5'9″, clean shaven with short hair.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 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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