

Trooper Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Rape Suspect

Selbyville- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a sexual assault incident and are seeking the public's assistance in locating the suspect.

The incident occurred on February 22, 2019 at approximately 10:00 p.m., when Troopers responded to a local area hospital and made contact with a 17-year old female victim who reported that she had been sexually assaulted. Further investigation revealed that the victim was at a residence in Selbyville when she had been sexually assaulted, strangled, physically assaulted and held against her will, by the suspect, identified as 23-year-old **Xavier Aiken** of Milton, DE.

Troopers have been unable to locate Aiken who currently has active warrants out of Troop 4 for the following:

- Rape First Degree
- Rape Second Degree
- Kidnapping First Degree
- Assault Second Degree
- Strangulation

Anyone with information in reference to the whereabouts of Aiken is asked to please contact Troop 4, Major Crimes Unit, Detective Mills at 302-856-5850. 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>

Due to the sensitive nature of this case, and in consideration for the victim, only limited information will be released.

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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