

***Update #2* Homicide Investigation Leads Detectives to Arrest After Three Years – Townsend**



Sylvester E. Gould Jr.



Jamar L. Waters

****Update 2****

After three years, the ongoing Homicide investigation of the Delaware State Police into the shooting death of Joshua James, 28 of Townsend, has led detectives to issue warrants for suspects Jamar L. Waters, 32 of Middletown, Delaware and Sylvester E. Gould Jr., 31 of Newark, Delaware. The indictments are for Murder 1st degree, Conspiracy, Home Invasion, Robbery 1st and two counts of Possession of a Firearm by Person Prohibited and Possession of Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. On April 24, 2019, suspect Sylvester Gould was arrested in Elkton, Maryland where he was being held on an out of state fugitive warrant pending extradition. On Friday, April 26, 2019, Sylvester E. Gould Jr. was extradited back to Delaware. Sylvester E. Gould Jr. was processed at Troop 2 and arraigned before the Superior Court of New Castle County. Gould was committed to the Department of Correction in default of \$1,085,000.00 cash bond. Suspect, Jamar Waters is currently a sentenced inmate at the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on unrelated charges.

See below for the initial and updated press release:

State Police Detectives Conducting a Homicide Investigation, Townsend

Townsend, DE- The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is currently conducting an investigation into the shooting death of a male subject that occurred at a Townsend area residence early this morning.

The investigation began this morning, Friday, April 22, 2016, at approximately 3:42 a.m., after troopers were called to respond to a residence located in the 500 block of Dogtown Road, Townsend, for the report of a shooting. Upon their arrival troopers learned that two armed suspects had entered the home and confronted two male residents. It was then that a physical altercation occurred during which time one of the male victims was shot. Both suspects then fled from the

residence in an unknown direction.

Emergency Medical Services personnel, who had also responded, performed advanced life saving efforts on the victim; however, he was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene. His body will be turned over to the Division of Forensic Sciences where an autopsy will be performed to determine the manner and cause of death. The name of the victim is being withheld at this time pending the notification of his next of kin. The second male victim suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene.

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit has responded to the scene and has assumed the investigation which includes conducting multiple interviews and collecting evidence. The investigation is in its early stages and so as to not jeopardize the investigation, specific details will not be released at this time.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective Mark Csapo at 302-698-8420. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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****Update 1****

Troopers Conducting Homicide Investigation-Townsend

Townsend, DE- The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit has identified the 28 year old Townsend, DE man who was shot and killed at a residence located in the 500 block of Dogtown Road, Townsend on Friday, April 22, 2016 as Joshua James.

The investigation into this incident by the Delaware State

Police is on-going. Further information will be released when it becomes available.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to contact Detective M. Ryde at 302-698-8557. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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