Troopers Investigating Attempted Carjacking – Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police are investigating an attempted carjacking that took place in the parking lot of a Newark area shopping center in which the suspect identified himself as a law enforcement officer.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2020 in the parking lot of the Salem Village Square Shopping Center, Newark. A 20 year old male had just exited a business and was seated in his vehicle in the lot when a dark colored vehicle pulled up. A male suspect exited the vehicle, approached the victim and identified himself as a law enforcement officer. The suspect then advised the victim that he needed to take his vehicle. The victim refused at which time the suspect produced a handgun. Upon seeing the weapon the victim drove off. The suspect never specified an agency nor produced any credentials. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 5'8"-5'10' tall, average build, and in possession of a handgun.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Aviola at Troop6 by calling 302-633-5000.

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@state.de.us.

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