UPDATE #1 Multi-Agency Operation Searching for Missing Swimmers- South Bowers Beach

South Bowers Beach– On June 30, 2020, at 2:59 p.m., the Delaware State Police responded to the Muderkill River/South Bowers area for two swimmers that had been carried away by the strong water currents.

Troopers learned a 21-year-old male from Philadelphia, a 20-year-old male from Tennessee, a 20-year-old female from Philadelphia, and a 20-year-old male from Philadelphia traveled to the South Bowers Beach area. All four subjects entered the water to go swimming when they were pulled away from shore by the strong currents.

When this occurred, an individual onshore observed the incident, entered the water on two different occasions, and safely rescued two swimmers back to shore.

Multiple police, fire, maritime, and EMS agencies responded and conducted search and rescue operations. As of 9:00 p.m., two of the swimmers were not located, and the search efforts were suspended until July 1, 2020, when they will begin again.

At this time, this case remains active and ongoing. The identities of the victims are being withheld at this time due to notification to next to kin.

For the initial release, see link attached below:

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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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