

# Delaware State Police Conducting Homicide Investigation – Clayton

**Clayton-** Delaware State Police are conducting a homicide investigation that occurred Friday at a residence in Clayton.

On Friday, August 20, 2021, at approximately 2:40 p.m., the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit responded to assist Clayton Police Department with a deceased subject located at a residence on the 200 block of South Rodney Street, Clayton, DE. The victim, a 65-year-old male resident of the house, was found on the ground floor of the residence by a family member. The victim suffered trauma to the upper body and was pronounced dead at the scene. The victim was taken to the Division of Forensic Science for an autopsy to determine cause and manner of death. The Homicide Unit assumed this investigation at the request of Clayton Police Department.

The name of the victim is being withheld pending notification to next of kin.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Daniel Grassi with the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit by calling 302-365-8441 or [Daniel.grassi@delaware.gov](mailto:Daniel.grassi@delaware.gov). 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. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@state.de.us](mailto:debra.reed@state.de.us).

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