

Detectives Investigating a Homicide in Ocean View

Ocean View – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a homicide that occurred early this morning in the Bethany Crest Development.

The incident occurred around 4:21 a.m. Thursday October 21, 2021 in the 30000 block of Bethany Crest, when troopers responded to the report of a shooting. Upon arrival it was determined that a 55-year-old female was shot and a male suspect had fled in a vehicle.

Shortly thereafter, a description of the suspect and the vehicle was broadcast to all Delaware police agencies as well as the surrounding Maryland police agencies. Within ten minutes, a Deputy with the Wicomico County Sheriffs Office located the vehicle driving erratically westbound on US50 in the area of Tilghman Road. The Deputy continued to follow the truck to a residence in Hebron where the suspect was taken into custody without incident by Wicomico County Sheriffs Office and Maryland State Police.

The 40-year-old male suspect from Hebron, MD is currently in custody at the Wicomico County Sheriffs Office where he is awaiting charges.

The 55-year-old female was pronounced deceased at the scene. She will be transported to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science where an autopsy will be performed to determine the exact cause and manner of death. Her name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

This case remains an active and ongoing investigation being conducted by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit. Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Detective B. McDerby by calling 302-741-2821. 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 a 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 Victim Services Unit at DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov.

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