

Troopers Investigating Robbery of Outlet Store

Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that occurred in the Rehoboth Beach area on Monday afternoon.

On July 4, 2022, at approximately 2:40 p.m., an unknown male subject entered the Fragrance Hut located at 35016 Midway Outlet Drive. The suspect gathered numerous bottles of cologne and began leaving the store without rendering payment for the items. When he was approached by a store employee, the suspect confronted the victim with a can of pepper spray. The suspect exited the store and fled the scene in a blue Kia Optima, and was last seen proceeding southbound on Coastal Highway. Troopers responded to the area and observed the vehicle on southbound Coastal Highway traveling towards Bethany Beach. Officers from the Bethany Beach Police Department attempted to stop the Kia, but the driver failed to stop on command. A brief pursuit ensued, which was discontinued due to traffic conditions. Officers established a perimeter in the Bethany Beach area in an attempt to locate the Kia Optima, but were unsuccessful in doing so. No one was injured in this incident, and the suspect remains at-large.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 6'00" – 6'02" tall, with a thin build. There are no surveillance images available at this time.

Delaware State Police Troop 7 is currently investigating the incident. Troopers are asking anyone with information regarding this case to contact Trooper First Class T. Bennett by calling 302-703-3305. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#), by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, or via the internet at www.delawarecrimestoppers.com.

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