

# Delaware State Police Homicide Unit Conducting Criminal Investigation

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is currently conducting a criminal investigation in the Felton area that began early this morning.

On February 27, 2023, at approximately 12:30 a.m., troopers responded to the intersection of Hopkins Cemetery Road and Marshyhope Road for a report of a subject lying in a ditch near the roadway. Troopers arrived on-scene and discovered a 35-year-old male victim from Houston, DE with a gunshot wound to the upper extremity. The victim was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

Further investigation determined the victim's vehicle broke down in the area and he utilized a nearby resident's phone to call for assistance. After returning to his vehicle, a subsequent confrontation occurred, and the victim was shot.

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is actively investigating this incident. Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective A. Bluto by calling 302-741-2859. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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 need 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 at 1-800-VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at [DSP\\_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov](mailto:DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov).

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