

State Police Investigating Grocery Store Parking Lot Armed Robbery

The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred on Saturday evening in the parking lot of a Kirkwood Highway grocery store.

On January 6, 2024, at approximately 7:20 p.m., troopers responded to a report of an armed robbery at La Estrella located at 4536 Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington. The preliminary investigation revealed that the victim was approached by an unknown black male suspect in the parking lot of the grocery store as he was returning to his vehicle. The masked suspect pushed the victim into the side of the victim's truck after demanding money from him. The suspect then pressed a firearm into the victim's stomach while continuing to demand money. The victim complied and the suspect fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash in a southbound direction behind the business. Responding troopers searched the area for the suspect but were unable to locate him.

The suspect is described as a black male armed with a firearm. As of now, surveillance video and images are not available.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit is diligently pursuing this case. Investigators urge anyone with information about this case to contact Detective Rob Strecker at (302) 365-8413. Additionally, information can be shared via a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or by 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.