State Police Investigating Armed Robbery and Vehicle Theft in Millsboro

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Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery and vehicle theft that occurred early Sunday morning in Millsboro.

On September 29, 2024, at approximately 5:15 a.m., troopers responded to the area of Hollyville Road and Mount Joy Road for a reported robbery. The investigation revealed that the two victims had driven to the location to meet an acquaintance. When the female victim exited her vehicle to enter another car with the suspect, she was robbed at gunpoint, and the suspect obtained an undisclosed amount of cash. Meanwhile, another unidentified suspect forced the male victim out of his vehicle and then fled the scene in the stolen car. The vehicle was later recovered by detectives.

The incident involved three suspects: two black males and one black female. Through investigative leads, detectives identified 27-year-old **Javontai Ricketts** of Seaford, Delaware, as one of the suspects and obtained an arrest warrant for him.

Update: On 10/01/2024, at approximately 6:00 p.m., **Ricketts** turned himself in at Troop 4. He was subsequently charged with the offenses listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a $163,000 cash bond.

Javontai Ricketts

- Robbery 1st Degree (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony)
- Robbery 2nd Degree (Felony)
- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Theft of a Motor Vehicle (Felony)
- Conspiracy 2nd (Felony)
- Theft Under $1500

The Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit is actively investigating this incident. Anyone with information regarding this case or the whereabouts of Javontai Ricketts is asked to contact Detective K. Perry at (302) 752-3793. 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 you 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**.