# State Police Homicide Detectives Investigating Shooting in Wilmington

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The Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting that occurred Wednesday afternoon in Wilmington that left one man in critical condition.

On February 19, 2025, at approximately 4:29 p.m., troopers responded to East Lea Boulevard in the area of Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, for a report of a shooting. Upon arriving, troopers found the victim suffering from an apparent gunshot wound, and began life-saving efforts. The victim, a 19-year-old man from Wilmington, Delaware, was transported by EMS to an area hospital, where he remains in critical condition. Due to the circumstances, the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit assumed the investigation.

The preliminary investigation revealed that the victim was walking to a residence on East Lea Boulevard when he was shot by an unknown suspect. At this time, a description of the suspect is unavailable.

The Homicide Unit is still actively investigating this incident. Detectives are asking for anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective B. McDerby by email at brian.mcderby@delaware.gov or by calling 302-741-2821. 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**.