

Delaware State Police Arrest Magnolia Man for Manslaughter Following Fatal Shooting

The Delaware State Police have arrested 23-year-old **Chase Washington**, of Magnolia, in connection with a [fatal shooting](#) that occurred Tuesday evening in Magnolia.

On September 30, 2025, at approximately 7:30 p.m., troopers responded to a residence in the 800 block of Millchop Lane in Magnolia, after receiving a report of a shooting. When troopers arrived, they discovered a 20-year-old woman suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to an area hospital where she was pronounced dead. The victim's identity is being withheld until her family is notified.

Due to the nature of the incident, the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit responded and assumed the investigation. A preliminary investigation revealed that Washington, an acquaintance of the victim, was in the residence with her while he was handling a loaded handgun in a reckless manner. As a result, the handgun discharged, striking the victim.

Washington was taken into custody and transported to Troop 3, where he was charged with the offenses listed below, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 7, and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on a \$100,000 cash bond.

- Manslaughter Recklessly Cause the Death of Another Person (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)