

Georgetown Volunteer Firefighter and Sussex County Employee Tragically Dies While Providing Aid at Crash Scene

The Delaware State Police are investigating the tragic death of 23-year-old **Thomas Berry III**, a dedicated volunteer firefighter with the Georgetown and Ellendale Fire Companies and a valued Logistics Technician with Sussex County Emergency Medical Services.



On August 13, 2024, at approximately 4:24 p.m., a Chevrolet Malibu was driving eastbound on Lewes-Georgetown Highway west of Gravel Hill Road in Georgetown. At the same time, a Toyota Camry was driving eastbound in front of the Malibu. The preliminary investigation revealed that the Malibu was attempting to pass the Camry. When the Malibu re-entered the eastbound lane ahead of the Camry, the right side of the Malibu sideswiped the left side of the Camry. The Malibu then veered off the road and struck a utility pole.

After the crash, Firefighter Berry stopped to help the drivers involved. While helping the driver of the Malibu, the utility pole snapped, bringing down the electrical wires. As a result, Firefighter Berry sustained life-threatening injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. The Division of Forensic Science will determine the official cause of death.

The driver of the Malibu, a 37-year-old man from Salisbury, Maryland, was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Camry, a 54-year-old woman from Milton, Delaware, was not injured during the crash.

Lewes-Georgetown Highway was closed for approximately 12 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

Delaware State Police  @DEStatePolice · 20h

 Traffic Advisory - Sussex County 

Lewes Georgetown Highway, between Park Avenue and Gravel Hill Road, is closed due to a serious crash. Please seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit and Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continue to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective Z. Spudis by calling (302) 752-3795. 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.

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Update – Victim Identified

State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash in Newark

The Delaware State Police have identified 45-year-old **Nicole Hill** of Bear, Delaware, as the woman who died in the [fatal motorcycle crash](#) on August 6, 2024.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues investigating this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Corporal Grade One D. McKenna by calling (302) 365-8486. 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.

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State Police Investigating Fatal Two-Vehicle Crash Near

Middletown

The Delaware State Police have identified 83-year-old **Edward Finnegan** of Wilmington, Delaware, as the man who died in the [fatal two-vehicle crash](#) near Middletown on Saturday.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues investigating this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Master Corporal M. Calio by calling (302) 365-8483. 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.

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State Police Investigating Fatal Two-Vehicle Crash Near Middletown

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal two-vehicle crash that occurred near Middletown yesterday.

On August 10, 2024, at approximately 4:56 p.m., a Ford Explorer was driving northbound, in the right lane, on Summit Bridge Road approaching Red Lion Road. At the same time, a


Ford Edge was driving southbound on Summit Bridge Road and had entered the left turn lane for Red Lion Road. For reasons still under investigation, the Edge proceeded to turn left into the Explorer's path of travel. As a result, the front of the Explorer hit the passenger's side of the Edge.

The driver of the Edge, a 66-year-old man from Media, Pennsylvania, and two passengers, a 79-year-old woman from Wilmington, Delaware, and a 28-year-old woman from Media, Pennsylvania, were taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. A third passenger, a 61-year-old woman from Media, Pennsylvania, was taken to an area hospital with serious injuries. A fourth passenger, an 83-year-old man from Wilmington, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital where he died. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.

The driver of the Explorer, a 25-year-old man from St. Louis, Missouri, and a passenger, a 29-year-old man from North Brunswick, New Jersey were taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The roadway was closed for approximately 5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

Delaware State Police  @DEStatePolice · 16h

 Traffic Advisory - New Castle County 

Summit Bridge Road northbound and Red Lion Road westbound are closed due to a crash. Please seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

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Corporal M. Calio by calling (302) 365-8483. 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.

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State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash in Newark

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred in Newark on Tuesday.

On August 6, 2024, at approximately 5:01 p.m., a Harley Davidson FXS motorcycle was driving eastbound, in the left lane, on Pulaski Highway approaching Wrangle Hill Road. At the same time, a Nissan Altima was driving westbound on Pulaski Highway and had entered the crossover east of Wrangle Hill Road. The preliminary investigation revealed that the Altima entered the eastbound lanes of Pulaski Highway into the motorcycle's path of travel. As a result, the front of the motorcycle hit the passenger's side of the Altima, ejecting the driver.

The driver of the motorcycle, a 45-year-old woman from Bear,

Delaware, was taken to an area hospital with life-threatening injuries. On August 8, 2024, she died from her injuries. Her name is being withheld until her family is notified.

The driver of the Altima, a 24-year-old man from Newark, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

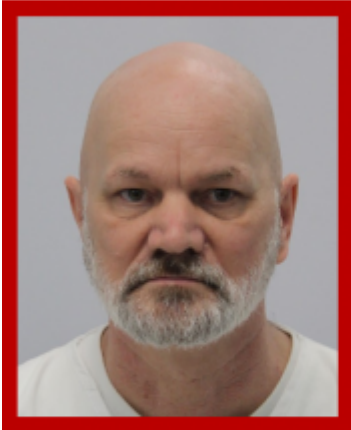
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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

The following individuals are **not wanted**. This is a Homeless [Sex Offender](#) Public Notification. If you have information that the listed individuals are occupying a residence, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

GRUNZA , DONALD



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Registration Information (**Homeless**)

Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)
Verified On:	August 5, 2024
Registered Since:	May 3, 2022
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
Address:	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
Phone:	3026592341

JUSTICE , MICHAEL A



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Registration Information (**Homeless**)

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	August 2, 2024
Registered Since:	June 12, 2009
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
Address:	PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903
Phone:	3026592341

***Update – Victim and Suspect Identified* State Police**

Detectives Investigating Homicide and Officer-Involved Shooting in New Castle County

Delaware State Police have identified 22-year-old **Alondra Quinonez** of Wilmington, Delaware, as the [victim of a homicide that occurred at a residence on Limestone Road in Wilmington on August 4, 2024](#). The murder suspect, identified as 57-year-old **Francisco Vasquez** of Milford, Delaware, died in the officer-involved shooting that occurred following the homicide.

Per Delaware State Police standard operating procedures, the troopers involved have been placed on administrative leave while a use-of-force investigation is conducted in conjunction with the Delaware Department of Justice.

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is still actively investigating this incident and asking anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective B. McDerby 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.

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Detectives Investigating Claymont M&T Bank Robbery

The Delaware State Police are investigating a bank robbery that occurred yesterday morning at the M&T Bank in Claymont.

On August 5, 2024, at approximately 10:45a.m., troopers responded to the M&T Bank, located at 3530 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, for a report of a robbery. The preliminary investigation revealed an unknown white male suspect entered the bank and presented a demand note to the bank teller. The victim complied and the suspect fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash. Troopers attempted to locate the suspect in the surrounding area but were unable to find him.

The suspect is described as an unknown white male approximately 6'2"-6'4" tall with a thin build wearing dark-colored clothing. Surveillance images and video are not yet available.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Robbery Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking anyone with information about this case to contact Detective D. Armstrong by calling (302) 365-8440. 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.

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State Police Investigating Felony Reckless Endangering Stemming from Pursuit with Stolen Camaro

The Delaware State Police are investigating a reckless endangering incident stemming from a pursuit with a stolen Camaro that began in Bear on Saturday night.

During the evening hours of August 3, 2024, troopers were conducting proactive enforcement for groups of vehicles participating in speed exhibitions and takeovers in various shopping centers and along highways in New Castle County. During their patrol, troopers conducted a computer inquiry of a black Chevrolet Camaro with New York registration in the parking lot of University Plaza, and discovered the tag was reported as stolen. Upon troopers initiating a traffic stop, the Camaro fled at a high rate of speed and struck an occupied Delaware State Police vehicle. In the ensuing pursuit, the Camaro drove recklessly on several public roadways, during which it struck another occupied Delaware State Police vehicle. The vehicle pursuit ultimately ended in Chester, Pennsylvania, after the Camaro sustained disabling damage to its front tire and the Camaro's occupants fled on foot. Troopers, with the assistance of multiple Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies, searched the area for the suspects, who have not been located at this time.

Following the pursuit, troopers recovered the disabled Camaro and discovered it was reported stolen out of Bridgewater Township Police Department in New Jersey in June 2024. The two

troopers struck during the vehicle pursuit were not injured.

There is no suspect(s) description at this time. Surveillance video and images are not yet available.

The Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit is still investigating this incident. Investigators are asking for anyone with information regarding this case to contact Sergeant A. Zickgraf by calling 302-365-8403. 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.

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State Police Detectives Investigating Homicide and Officer-Involved Shooting in New Castle County

Delaware State Police are investigating a homicide and officer-involved shooting that occurred in New Castle County yesterday that left one woman and one man dead.

On August 4, 2024, at approximately 9:41 a.m., troopers were dispatched to the Exxon, located at 414 Main Street, Stanton,

for a report of a male with a firearm at a nearby residence. A short time later, troopers, along with Fire and EMS, responded to a residence on the 1700 block of Limestone Road, for a separate report of a house fire. Upon arriving, emergency personnel found a 22-year-old Wilmington woman suffering from a gunshot wound in the home and began life-saving efforts. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. Her name is being withheld until her family and relatives are notified. Due to the nature of the investigation, the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit and the Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office assumed the investigation.

The preliminary investigation revealed that the suspect, a 57-year-old man from Milford, Delaware, forcibly entered his ex-spouse's home and fired multiple rounds at the two occupants. The gunfire struck the 22-year-old victim. The second occupant, a 20-year-old Wilmington man, was not struck and fled from the residence to the nearby Exxon. The homeowner was not at the residence. After the shooting, the suspect set fire to the home and fled in a vehicle. Through investigative means, members of the Delaware State Police Aviation Section located the suspect vehicle and suspect in the area of the C&D Canal. Over the course of several hours, troopers attempted to negotiate with the armed suspect, who had climbed onto the lower level of a high-tension electrical tower. Ultimately, the suspect fired a weapon at troopers, which prompted three troopers to discharge their divisional-issued firearms at him.

Following the shooting, troopers administered first aid to the suspect, who was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld until his family and relatives are notified.

Per Delaware State Police standard operating procedures, the involved troopers have been placed on administrative leave pending a use of force investigation conducted in conjunction with the Delaware Department of Justice.

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