

***Update- Victim Identified* State Police Investigating Single-Vehicle Fatal Crash Near Laurel**

The Delaware State Police has identified 27-year-old **Sofonias Escalante-Perez** of Bloxom, Virginia, as the man who died in a [single-vehicle](#) fatal crash near Laurel Saturday evening.

Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Master Corporal K. Argo at (302) 703-3264. 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 Single-Vehicle Fatal Crash in

Greenwood

Delaware State Police are investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash that occurred this morning in Greenwood.

On May 5, 2024, at approximately 5:49 a.m., a Mercury Mountaineer was traveling northbound on Greenwood Road, north of Tomahawk Branch Road. For unknown reasons, the vehicle veered off the east side of the road and crashed into several trees before overturning on its roof.

The driver, a 65-year-old man from Felton, Delaware, was not properly seat belted and pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.



The roadway was closed for approximately three hours while investigators examined the scene and cleared the roadway.



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 Traffic Advisory - Kent County 

Greenwood Road, between Andrewville Road and Tomahawk Branch Road in Greenwood is closed due to a serious crash. Please seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Master Corporal J. Lane at (302) 698-8457. 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 Single-Vehicle Fatal Crash in Millsboro**

The Delaware State Police has identified 22-year-old **Fernando Fernandez** of Frankford, Delaware, as the man who died from injuries sustained in a [single-vehicle fatal crash](#) yesterday morning in Millsboro.



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⚠ Traffic Advisory - Sussex County ⚠

Parker Road at Firemans Road, Millsboro is closed due to a serious crash. Please seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

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State Police Investigating Single-Vehicle Fatal Crash Near Laurel

Delaware State Police are investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash that occurred yesterday evening just west of Laurel.

On May 4, 2024, at approximately 6:48 p.m., a Chevrolet Trailblazer was traveling westbound on Sharptown Road, west of Mt. Pleasant Road, at an apparent high rate of speed. For unknown reasons, the vehicle veered off the north side of the road. It then struck a drainage ditch, causing it to overturn and crash into a utility pole.

The passenger, whose identity is unknown at this time, was transported to a local hospital, where he remains in critical

condition. The driver, a 27-year-old man from Bloxom, Virginia, was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.



The roadway was closed for approximately four hours while investigators examined the scene and cleared the roadway.



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 Traffic Advisory - Sussex County 

Sharptown Road, west of Mount Pleasant Road in Delmar, is closed due to a serious crash. Please seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

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State Police Investigating Single-Vehicle Fatal Crash in Millsboro

The Delaware State Police are investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash that occurred this morning in Millsboro that left one man dead.

On May 4, 2024, at approximately 7:08 a.m., a 2002 Toyota Celica GTS was traveling southbound on Parker Road, approaching a sharp curve north of Firemans Road. The preliminary investigation revealed the Toyota was traveling at an apparent high rate of speed and failed to negotiate the sharp curve, which caused it to exit the east edge of the roadway. After it exited the roadway, the Toyota overturned multiple times through an open field, during which, the unrestrained driver was ejected from the car.



The driver, a 22-year-old man from Frankford, Delaware, was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld until his family and relatives are notified.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours while the investigators examined the scene and cleared the roadway.



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 Traffic Advisory - Sussex County 

Parker Road at Firemans Road, Millsboro is closed due to a serious crash. Please seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

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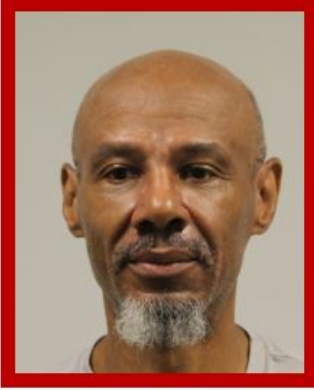
Corporal K. Argo by calling (302) 703-3264. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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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.

JONES , RONALD



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Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)
Verified On:	April 30, 2024
Registered Since:	October 1, 2012
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	Yes
Repeat Offender:	Yes

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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

WASBERS , GARY



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Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	May 3, 2024
Registered Since:	March 22, 2001
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

Delaware State Police S.O.A.R. Searching for Wanted Sex Offenders

The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R.) is currently looking for the following **wanted** [sex offenders](#) after they either failed to

register or re-register at their current address. If anyone knows the location of these individuals, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

BALLARD , MICHAEL E



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Registration Information

Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)
Verified On:	January 2, 2024
Registered Since:	June 23, 2020
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	Yes
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	TROOP 4 STATE POLICE
Address:	23652 SHORTLY ROAD GEORGETOWN , DE 19947
Phone:	3028565850

BARLOW , JIMMY R



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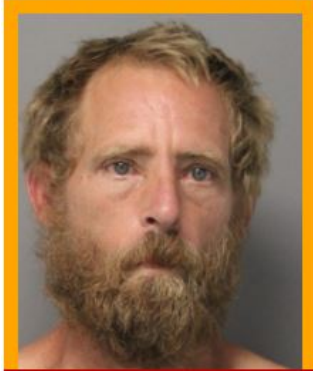
Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	December 5, 2023
Registered Since:	November 25, 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

MORGAN JR, GEORGE F



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Registration Information

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	September 26, 2023
Registered Since:	January 23, 2008
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	TROOP 5 STATE POLICE
Address:	9265 PUBLIC SAFETY WAY BRIDGEVILLE, DE 19933
Phone:	3023371090

OTTINGER, SCOTT E



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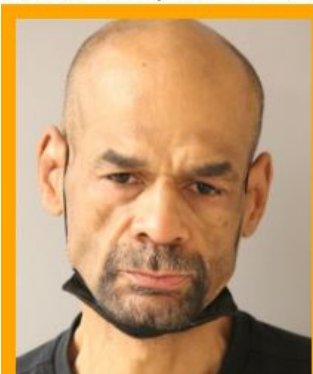
Registration Information

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	May 2, 2023
Registered Since:	March 3, 2005
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	TROOP 9 STATE POLICE
Address:	414 MAIN STREET ODESSA, DE 19730
Phone:	3023785218

SAMUEL, MICHAEL A



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Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	January 30, 2024
Registered Since:	January 23, 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 # 2-Delaware State Police and Delaware Department of Health and Social Services Issue Urgent Safety Advisory**

The Delaware State Police (DSP) and the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) continue to urge heightened awareness following a surge in suspected drug overdoses in Sussex County over the past week. DHSS today reports they are now seeing cases in Kent County that require intubation and a level of care seen in Sussex during its recent overdose spike, as well as a suspected fatality related to overdose.

There have been 42 suspected overdoses in Kent County since April 26. Kent County suspected overdoses were not included in previous safety updates. However, data is now included due to recent activity in Kent County showing similarities to the activity in Sussex County.

Between April 26 and May 3, 2024, troopers recorded a significant increase in the number of suspected overdoses and the severity of the emergencies in Sussex. To date, there have been 83 suspected overdoses in Sussex County. Toxicology tests are pending to confirm two additional suspected overdose fatalities, bringing the total of suspected overdose fatalities to five over the same time period for Kent and Sussex counties.

“We are seeing a greater number of patients being treated for suspected overdose but, more notably, a significant increase

in the severity of the effects of overdoses,” said **Delaware Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Director Joanna Champney**. “This severity is reflected in a greater percentage of patients needing admission with many of them requiring intubation, ICU level care, and multiple days in the hospital.”

While the majority of suspected overdoses have been in the greater area of Georgetown, Millsboro, and Milford, incidents are occurring throughout Sussex County. The locations are listed in no particular order and do not encompass all suspected overdoses.

DSP enlisted the Delaware National Guard to conduct testing on Wednesday, May 1, on a sampling of the drugs found in those who had overdosed to determine the composition of the substance. The Delaware National Guard’s 31st Civil Support Team has the capability to test for a broad spectrum of chemicals. Initial samples showed packages containing Xylazine, Bromazolam, Fentanyl, Quinine, and Caffeine.

DHSS and DSP urge the public to exercise extreme caution, refrain from consuming unknown substances, and avoid illegal drugs altogether. Individuals struggling with substance abuse are encouraged to seek immediate assistance from medical professionals or addiction support services. To assist those in need, DHSS offers several avenues for support:

- **911**: In cases of overdose or medical emergencies, dial or text 911.
- **Delaware 211**: Dial 2-1-1 or visit delaware211.org for free, confidential assistance in multiple languages.
- **Delaware Hope Line**: Call 1-833-9-HOPEDE (1-833-946-7333) for 24/7 access to resources, support, and crisis assistance.
- **Bridge Clinics**: Explore treatment services and resources in Delaware and neighboring states. In-person assessments are available at [locations](#) in New Castle,

Kent, and Sussex counties.

- **Treatment Connection:** Find nearby treatment providers at [TreatmentConnection.com](https://www.treatmentconnection.com).
- **988:** For immediate crisis support, dial 988.
- **Narcan Training and OpiRescueDE App:** Information on Narcan training and accessing medication is available [online](#).

The Delaware [Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health](#) (DSAMH) has ensured that hospitals and community providers have access to Narcan kits. DSAMH has provided 2,000 Narcan kits to Beebe Healthcare to distribute throughout its healthcare system, and an additional 200 doses of Naloxone have been distributed to Beebe Healthcare for use in its Emergency Department. DSAMH is also providing personal protective equipment to community providers in the areas impacted.

DSAMH's Opioid Response Center is mapping areas in Sussex County where overdoses are occurring and is coordinating street outreach, community events, and Narcan distribution in those areas with various programs, providers, and Beebe Healthcare. Providers or advocates wishing to get involved in street outreach or hosting Narcan training/distribution events should contact DSAMH's Overdose Response Center (ORC) at ORC@delaware.gov. The ORC's Post Overdose Response Teams visited Dover today for community outreach and will continue to conduct outreach responses as indicated by the presence of suspected overdoses.

While many of the affected individuals exhibited symptoms resistant to Naloxone, DSAMH still encourages the use of Naloxone in the case of a potential overdose. Repeat doses of Naloxone may be necessary in these incidents to restore normal breathing. Individuals and organizations seeking to obtain Naloxone kits should visit [Help is Here Delaware](#) for training events, community training opportunities, distribution events, community overdose prevention events, and a list of

organizations who provide community training opportunities.

When caring for someone who may have overdosed, be extra cautious with powdered substances as they may increase the risk of substance ingestion or transmission. When using Narcan, call 9-1-1 and remain with the person until first responders arrive.

The Delaware Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) offers the following recommendations to help prevent emergency responders' exposure to illicit drugs, including synthetic opiates:

- Gloves are all that is necessary in suspected overdose and no visible product.
- Wear a face mask with eye shield if powdered illicit drugs are visible.
- Do not touch the eyes, nose, or mouth after touching any surface that may be contaminated, even if wearing gloves.
- Wash hands with soap and water after working in an area that may be contaminated, even if gloves were worn. Do not use hand sanitizer or bleach.

The safety and well-being of all Delawareans are paramount, and collaborative efforts are underway to address this critical public safety issue. We urge everyone to remain vigilant and take proactive steps to protect themselves and their communities.

Update – Victim Identified

State Police Investigating Two-Vehicle Fatal Crash in Newark

The Delaware State Police have identified 61-year-old **John Zoccoli Jr.**, of Newark, Delaware, as the man who died from injuries sustained in a [two-vehicle fatal crash that occurred in Newark on May 1, 2024.](#)



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⚠ Traffic Alert - New Castle County ⚠

Capitol Trail at Brewster Road closed due to a serious collision. Please seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues investigating this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Corporal P. McAndrew 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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***Update* State Police Asking for Public's Help Locating Suspect Vehicles in Fatal Pedestrian Hit-and-Run Crash**

The Delaware State Police continues to investigate the [fatal pedestrian hit-and-run crash](#) that occurred on Harbeson Road last month. Troopers continue to ask for the public's help in locating two vehicles involved in the crash.

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit is attempting to locate the two vehicles involved in the [fatal pedestrian hit-and-run crash](#) that occurred on April 19, 2024. The first vehicle is described as a silver car with moderate front-end damage. The second vehicle is a **2010-2013 white Acura MDX** with front-end damage. Both vehicles were last seen driving northbound on Harbeson Road after the crash.

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash or might have more information to contact Master Corporal K. Argo by calling (302) 703-3264. 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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