

***Update # 1-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.

Between April 26 and May 2, 2024, troopers recorded a significant increase in the number of suspected overdoses and the severity of the emergencies. Toxicology tests are pending to confirm two suspected overdose fatalities during the same time period. There have been 73 suspected overdoses in Sussex County in that time period, with a majority of suspected overdoses seen in the greater area of Georgetown, Millsboro, and Milford. 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.
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The Delaware [Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health](#) (DSAMH) has ensured that the hospitals and community providers have access to Narcan kits. DSAMH has provided 1,300 Narcan kits to Beebe Healthcare to distribute throughout their health care system and an additional 200 kits have been distributed to Beebe Healthcare for use in their Emergency Department. 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
Fatal Motorcycle Crash Near

Middletown

Delaware State Police have identified 61-year-old **Ronald Clift** of New Castle, Delaware, as the man who died in the [fatal motorcycle crash near Middletown on April 28, 2024](#).

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Sergeant J. Jefferson by calling (302) 365-8484. 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 Two-Vehicle Fatal Crash in Newark

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

On May 1, 2024, at approximately 7:23 a.m., a silver 2014 Toyota 4Runner was traveling eastbound on Capitol Trail approaching the intersection with Brewster Drive. Simultaneously, a white 2006 Cadillac DTS was traveling northbound on Brewster Drive approaching the intersection with Capitol Trail. For reasons under investigation, the Toyota failed to stop at the traffic light as the Cadillac entered the intersection. As a result, the front of the Toyota collided with the left side of the Cadillac in the intersection.

The driver of the Cadillac, a 61-year-old man from Newark, Delaware, was transported to an area hospital, where he died. His name is being withheld until his family and relatives are notified.

The driver of the Toyota, a 22-year-old man from Newark, Delaware, was not injured.

The roadway was closed for approximately 4 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.



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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.

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Troopers Investigating Wilmington Area Bank Parking Lot Theft from Vehicle

The Delaware State Police are investigating a theft from a vehicle that occurred yesterday afternoon in a bank parking lot in Wilmington.

On April 29, 2024, at approximately 2:33 p.m., troopers responded to a report of a theft from a vehicle in the parking lot of the Bank of America located at 5215 Concord Pike, Wilmington. The investigation revealed two unknown male suspects distracted the victim by falsely claiming her car's tire was on fire as she was driving out of the bank's parking lot. While the victim stopped and checked on her tire, one of the suspects entered her car and stole money that the victim had just withdrawn from the bank. The suspects then fled on foot towards Concord Pike.

The suspects are described as two Hispanic males. As of now, surveillance video and images of the suspects are not available.

Delaware State Police Troop 1 Troopers are still investigating this incident. Troopers are asking anyone with information about this case to contact Trooper C. Holzwarth by calling

(302) 761-6677. 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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Between April 26 and 30, 2024, troopers recorded a significant increase in overdoses, tragically resulting in at least one fatality and severe medical emergencies. Many affected individuals exhibited symptoms resistant to Naloxone, with some requiring intubation, and experiencing uncontrollable convulsions despite administering anti-seizure medication. Repeat doses of Naloxone may be necessary in these incidents to restore normal breathing.

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.

Preliminary investigations reveal that the substances involved were packaged in small, white wax paper bags typically associated with heroin. Testing is still ongoing to determine the composition of the substance. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

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State Police Investigates Murder-Suicide in Magnolia

The Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting incident that occurred Monday evening, which resulted in the loss of three lives.

On April 29, 2024, at approximately 6:18 p.m., troopers were dispatched to the 100 block of Cilento Drive following reports of gunfire. When troopers arrived, they discovered a 38-year-old Magnolia woman suffering from multiple gunshot wounds in the front yard. Troopers attempted lifesaving measures, but the woman succumbed to her injuries.

The Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team responded to the scene and entered the residence. Inside the residence, a 43-year-old Magnolia man was found, also fatally wounded by gunfire. The suspect, a 49-year-old man from Magnolia, was found deceased inside the home with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Three children were found in the residence, and they were physically unharmed. The identities of the victims are being withheld until their families are notified.

Preliminary findings suggest the suspect contacted a family member, confessed to shooting his wife and her new boyfriend, and expressed an intent to kill himself.

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is actively investigating this incident. Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective M. Csapo by calling 302-741-2729. 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 Investigates Fatal Bicycle Crash in Felton

The Delaware State Police have identified 57-year-old Robert Spencer Jr. of Felton, Delaware, as the man who died in the [fatal crash](#) that occurred Friday afternoon in Felton.

Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Master Corporal W. Booth at (302) 698-8451. 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 Near Middletown

The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash involving a motorcycle near Middletown yesterday.

On April 28, 2024, at approximately 2:20 p.m., a Ford F-250 was stopped in the left turn lane on Warwick Road eastbound, waiting to merge onto the ramp for Delaware 301 northbound. At the same time, a Honda CBR motorcycle was driving eastbound in the right lane on Warwick Road. The investigation revealed that the driver of the motorcycle was traveling at a high rate of speed, made abrupt lane changes and entered the left turn lane. As a result, the motorcycle hit the back of the F-250.

The driver of the F-250, a 24-year-old man from Coatesville, Pennsylvania, was not hurt. Two passengers in the F-250, a 25-year-old man and a 41-year-old man from Malvern, Pennsylvania, were not hurt. The driver of the motorcycle, a 61-year-old man from New Castle, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital where he died. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.

The roadway was closed for approximately three and half hours

while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Sergeant J. Jefferson by calling (302) 365-8484. 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 Sussex County Daytime Burglaries

The Delaware State Police are currently investigating four daytime residential burglaries that occurred between April 22, 2024, and April 23, 2024. The burglaries occurred in the neighborhoods of Compass Point and Kindleton in Lewes, and Kings Crossing in Lincoln. The suspects appear to be targeting the owners of various local nail salons. Some of these burglaries involved forced entry to the homes.

The suspects were wearing construction vests, gloves, baseball hats, sweatshirts and surgical masks. The suspects are

possibly operating a dark colored SUV.





The Delaware State Police are encouraging residents to lock

their doors, secure large amounts of cash and jewelry through secure locations such as banks or safety deposit boxes. Please be alert, remain vigilant, and report any suspicious activity by calling 9-1-1.

The Delaware State Police Troop 4 Property Crimes Unit continues to investigate these incidents. Detectives are asking anyone who may have information to contact Detective K. Perry by calling (302) 752-3800 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 Investigates Fatal Bicycle Crash in Felton

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash involving a bicyclist on Friday afternoon in Felton.

On April 26, 2024, at approximately 5:09 p.m., a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe was traveling westbound on Willow Grove Road approaching Logan Drive. At the same time, a bicyclist was traveling southbound on Logan Drive, approaching Willow Grove Road. For reasons under investigation, the bicyclist did not stop at the stop sign on Logan Road, entered the westbound

lane of Willow Grove Road, and into the path of the Chevrolet. As a result, the Chevrolet struck the bicyclist.



The 57-year-old man from Felton, Delaware, died at the scene. The identity of the bicyclist is being withheld until family and relatives are notified.

The 63-year-old driver of the Chevrolet, a woman from Camden, Delaware, was not injured.

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



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 Traffic Advisory - Kent County 

Willow Grove Road, between Holly Spring Road and Logan Drive is closed due to a serious crash. Please seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

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