

***Update- Victim Identified* State Police Asking for Witnesses Following Fatal Pedestrian Hit-and-Run Crash in Newark**

Delaware State Police have identified 49-year-old **Mark Gainer** of Newark, Delaware, as the man who died in a [fatal pedestrian hit-and-run crash](#) in Newark on April 13, 2024.

Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Senior Corporal M. Calio at (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

Single-Vehicle Fatal Crash in Felton

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

On April 14, 2024, at approximately 3:10 a.m., a Chevrolet Silverado was traveling westbound on Paradise Alley Road, approaching a stop sign at the South Dupont Highway intersection. Without stopping, the vehicle proceeded through the intersection, crossing both the north and southbound lanes of South Dupont Highway. It then veered off the southwest edge of the roadway, striking a stop sign located on the eastbound side of Paradise Road. The vehicle continued westbound through a grassy area before side-swiping a large tree.

The driver, a 20-year-old man from Clayton, was pronounced dead at the scene. The identity of the victim will be released once his family has been notified.

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

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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***Update- Victim Identified* State Police Asking for Witnesses Following Fatal Scooter Crash Near Newark**

Delaware State Police have identified 32-year-old **Randy Bempong** of Newark, Delaware, as the man who died in a [fatal scooter crash](#) in Newark on April 11, 2024.

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I-95 Drive to Save Lives Commences During National Distracted Driving Awareness Month – April 2024

The Delaware State Police, in partnership with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety, is joining forces with other law enforcement agencies along the I-95 corridor and across the State of Delaware in the “I-95 Drive to Save Lives/National Distracted Driving Awareness Month -2024” campaign. This multi-jurisdictional initiative aims to increase awareness and safety along the I-95 corridor and throughout Delaware. Over the past five years, Delaware has witnessed 9,569 crashes, resulting in 174 serious injuries and 22 fatalities due to distracted driving. The Delaware State Police will lead this collaborative effort, coordinating with 15 State Police and Highway Patrol agencies along I-95 and numerous participating Delaware law enforcement agencies from Friday, April 19th to Sunday, April 21st, 2024.



Law enforcement agencies participating in the “I-95 Drive to Save Lives” initiative include Florida Highway Patrol, North Carolina Highway Patrol, South Carolina Highway Patrol, Georgia Highway Patrol, Virginia State Police, Maryland State Police, Delaware State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, New Jersey State Police, New York State Police, Connecticut State Police, Rhode Island State Police, New Hampshire State Police, Massachusetts State Police, and Maine State Police. Simultaneously, local law enforcement agencies in Delaware will conduct the “Drive to Save Lives” initiative, patrolling within their respective jurisdictions to reinforce safety measures.

“As we kick off National Distracted Driver Awareness Month, it’s imperative that we all recognize the crucial role we play in promoting safe driving practices and protecting lives on our roadways,” said **Colonel Melissa Zebley, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police**. “Every year, we witness the tragic loss of thousands of lives in motor vehicle crashes across the country, leaving families and communities shattered by grief. Our mission remains clear: to save lives and prevent tragedies

every day. During the “Drive to Save Lives” campaign, our dedicated troopers will be enforcing laws and raising awareness about the dangers of distracted driving. Let’s commit to keeping our roads safe for everyone. Remember, even a moment of distraction can result in catastrophic outcomes. Let us make every moment count by driving safely, staying focused, and ultimately, saving lives.”

“The Delaware Office of Highway Safety fully supports the Delaware State Police’s “Drive to Save Lives” initiative. April is also recognized as Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and we want to encourage everyone to put their phones away and focus on the road,” said **Sharon Bryson, Director of the Delaware Office of Highway Safety**. “Regardless of your mode of transportation, never drive, ride, or walk distracted. We must all strive to make the roads safer to ensure that we can all Arrive Alive. Distracted driving is a dangerous behavior that can have life-altering consequences. Don’t risk your life or the lives of those around you. Remember to buckle up on every trip, every time, follow posted speed limits, always drive sober, and be alert.”

Delaware’s Office of Highway Safety has continued supporting the “Drive to Save Lives” annual campaign. Residents and visitors alike can expect to see multiple agencies working diligently to keep them safe as they travel throughout our great state.

State Police Asking for

Witnesses Following Fatal Pedestrian Hit-and-Run Crash in Newark

Delaware State Police are investigating a hit-and-run crash that claimed the life of one man early this morning.

On April 13, 2024, at approximately 12:08 a.m., an unidentified vehicle was traveling eastbound on Christiana Road east of South Brownleaf Road. A pedestrian entered the eastbound lanes of Christiana Road from an unknown location, just west of the South Gerald Drive intersection. At the same time, the unknown vehicle entered the same area and struck the pedestrian. The vehicle then fled the scene.


The victim, a 49-year-old man from Newark, was transported to a nearby hospital and pronounced dead. The identity of the victim will be released once his family has been notified.

Christiana Road was temporarily closed for approximately 3 hours while investigators examined the scene and cleared the roadway.



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Christiana Road at South Harmony Road is closed due to a serious crash.
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Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit

continues to investigate this incident. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Senior Corporal M. Calio at (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 a Pedestrian Killed by a Train Near Newark

The Delaware State Police are investigating a man hit and killed by a train near Newark last night.

On April 11, 2024, at approximately 5:15 p.m., a CSX train was traveling from New York to Washington, D.C., in the area of 4949 Ogletown Stanton Road in Newark. At the same time, a man was walking on the outside of the railroad tracks with his back to the oncoming train. The preliminary investigation suggests, the man did not move from the track area after the train operator blew the horn. As a result, the front of the train hit the man.

The victim, a 54-year-old man from Smyrna, Delaware, was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld until

his family is notified.

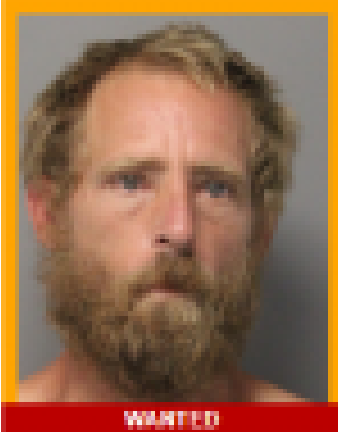
The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking anyone who witnessed the incident to contact Detective E. Berkenbush by calling (302) 660-3752. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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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.

MORGAN JR, GEORGE F



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Registration Information

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 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

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| Police Agency: | TROOP 5 STATE POLICE |
| Address: | 9265 PUBLIC SAFETY WAY BRIDGEVILLE, DE 19933 |
| Phone: | 3023371000 |

SHEPPARD, ALTERIAN M



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Registration Information

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| Risk Level: | Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) |
| Verified On: | January 22, 2024 |
| Registered Since: | April 29, 2018 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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| Police Agency: | TROOP 7 STATE POLICE |
| Address: | 13444 MULBERRY KNOLL ROAD LENEXA, DE 19958 |
| Phone: | 3026459026 |

SAMUEL, MICHAELA



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Registration Information (Homeless)

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| Risk Level: | Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) |
| Verified On: | January 30, 2024 |
| Registered Since: | January 25, 2009 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Police Agency: | DSP HEADQUARTERS |
| Address: | PO BOX 430 Dover, DE 19903 |
| Phone: | 3026292341 |

BARLOW, JIMMY R



WANTED

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Registration Information (Homeless)

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| Risk Level: | Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) |
| Verified On: | December 6, 2023 |
| Registered Since: | November 25, 2009 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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| Police Agency: | DSP HEADQUARTERS |
| Address: | PO BOX 430 Dover, DE 19903 |
| Phone: | 3026292341 |



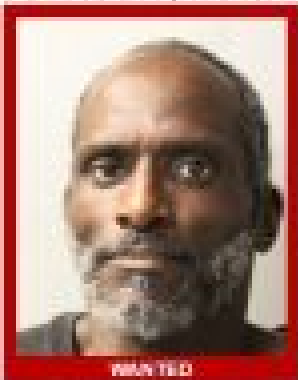
Name: NICHOLAS W BONGIOVANNI
Risk Level: Low Risk (Tier 1)
Birth Date: 04/20/1980
Race: White
Hair Color: Brown
Eye Color: Blue
Aliases: NICHOLAS BONGIOVANNI
NICHOLAS BONGIOVANNI
NICK BONGIOVANNI

Gender: Male
Police Agency: Troop T State Police
Age: 43
Height: 5 ft. 7 in.
Weight: 155 lbs.
Skin Tone: Light
Convicted Out of State: No
Repeat Offender: No

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.

JOHNSON, NORWOOD



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Registration Information (Homeless)

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| Risk Level: | Tier 3 (High Risk) |
| Verified On: | April 11, 2024 |
| Registered Since: | March 25, 2007 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Connected Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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| Police Agency: | DSP HEADQUARTERS |
| Address: | PO BOX 400 Dover, DE 19902 |
| Phone: | 3026993411 |

NATHAN , CARL



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Registration Information (Homeless)

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| Risk Level: | Tier 3 (High Risk) |
| Verified On: | February 7, 2024 |
| Registered Since: | August 31, 1999 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | Yes |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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

HICKMAN , RICKY B



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Registration Information (Homeless)

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| Risk Level: | Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) |
| Verified On: | April 9, 2024 |
| Registered Since: | November 7, 2021 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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

State Police Asking for Witnesses Following Fatal Scooter Crash Near Newark

The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash involving an electric scooter near Newark last night, that left one man dead.

On April 11, 2024, at approximately 9:45 p.m., a Nissan Altima was driving northbound on Salem Church Road north of Reybold Road. At the same time, a Phantom Commuter electric scooter was driving southbound on Salem Church Road. For reasons under investigation, the driver of the scooter entered the northbound lane of Salem Church Road, into the path of the Nissan. As a result, the Nissan hit the scooter.

The driver of the scooter, a 32-year-old man from Newark, Delaware, was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld until his family is notified. The driver of the Nissan, a 16-year-old female from Newark, Delaware was not injured.

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

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 Traffic Advisory - New Castle County 

Salem Church Road between Reybold Road and Joseph Drive is closed due to a crash. Please seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction

Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Senior 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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***Update – Victims Identified* State Police Investigating Fatal Crash in Glasgow**

The Delaware State Police have identified 57-year-old **Ralene Commodore** and 38-year-old **Roger Stanford**, both of Newark, Delaware, as the victims who died in the [fatal crash in Glasgow on April 10, 2024](#).



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⚠️ Traffic Advisory - New Castle County ⚠️

Wrangle Hill Road near Mabel Lane is closed due to a serious crash. Please seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

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