

State Police Investigating Burglaries at Swim Club

The Delaware State Police are investigating multiple burglaries that occurred last week at Oakwood Valley Swim Club in Wilmington.

On July 18, 2023, at approximately 9:16 a.m., troopers responded to the Oakwood Valley Swim Club located at 4909 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, for a report of a burglary. Troopers discovered an unknown suspect trespassed onto the property when it was closed, damaged a lock box, and stole money.

On July 20, 2023, at approximately 9:03 a.m., troopers responded to the swim club for a second report of a burglary. Troopers discovered an unknown suspect trespassed onto the swim club's property when it was closed, damaged a door, and stole several items.

There is no description for the suspect at this time. Surveillance images and video are not yet available.

The Troop 2 Burglary Unit is investigating this incident. Detectives are asking for anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective M. Young by calling 302-834-2620. 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 Collision

The Delaware State Police have identified 27-year-old **John Littleton** of Seaford, Delaware as the man who died in a [fatal collision that occurred in Bethel](#) on July 23, 2023.

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please 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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State Police Investigating Fatal Collision

The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal collision that occurred early this morning in Bethel that left one man dead.

On July 23, 2023, at approximately 2:16 a.m., a 2017 white Ford Fiesta was traveling eastbound on Shell Bridge Road west of South Shell Bridge Road. The Ford was approaching an S-curve at an apparent high rate of speed.

After negotiating the curve, the Ford lost control and exited the south edge of the roadway. The Ford impacted with a raised embankment, which caused it to vault airborne for an unknown distance in an easterly direction. Upon impacting the ground, the Ford rolled several times before coming to a stop against the guardrail on the southeast corner of the intersection of Shell Bridge Road and South Shell Bridge Road.

The Ford's operator, a 27-year-old man from Seaford, Delaware, was ejected from the rolling vehicle. He was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead. His name is being withheld until his family and relatives are notified.

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

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Delaware State Police Seek Public's Assistance in Death Investigation

Delaware State Police are investigating the death of 54-year-old **Lorenzo Gomez-Lopez** of Laurel, Delaware.

Delaware State Police are asking for the public's help with the death investigation of Lorenzo Gomez-Lopez, discovered on June 21, 2023, at approximately 1:30 p.m., at the Delaware Recycling Center at 1101 Lambson Lane in New Castle. At that time, troopers responded to the recycling center after Gomez-Lopez was found dead by employees in a processing area. It should be noted that he was not an employee of the recycling center. The cause of death is unknown at this time, and the autopsy results are pending.

Gomez-Lopez was last seen on Sunday, June 18, sitting outside

a home on the 9000 block of Yew Drive in Laurel, Delaware, around 2 p.m. He was no longer there when the family returned around 7 p.m., and his whereabouts until the discovery of his body are unknown.

Detectives have been pursuing leads since the onset of this investigation, and as it continues, detectives are asking for the public's assistance. If you have information about Mr. Gomez-Lopez's whereabouts or activities before the discovery of his body, please contact Detective H. Carroll of the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit by calling 302-365-8467. 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, they are asked to call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

KERIN , SCOTT A



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Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	May 25, 2023
Registered Since:	September 13, 2012
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

MOODY , JAMES D



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Registration Information

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	June 29, 2022
Registered Since:	June 16, 2021
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	Out of State Jurisdiction
Address:	(no address on file)
Phone:	(no phone number on file)

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

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

BYLER , ROMAN E



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Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)
Verified On:	July 18, 2023
Registered Since:	December 1, 2003
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	Yes

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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

PAYNTER , RICHARD L



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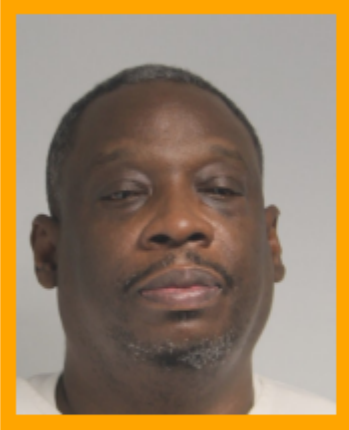
Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 3 (High Risk)
Verified On:	July 19, 2023
Registered Since:	January 27, 2014
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

STOKELY , RONALD D



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Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	July 19, 2023
Registered Since:	January 7, 2010
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	DSP HEADQUARTERS
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State Police Investigating Shots Fired

The Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting that occurred early this morning in Wilmington.

On July 19, 2023, at approximately 1:45 a.m., troopers responded to the area of Philadelphia Pike and East Delaware Avenue, Wilmington for reports of a shooting. Troopers discovered two unknown subjects were heard arguing followed by multiple shots being fired. One of the subjects fled on foot and the other fled in a car in an unknown direction. Troopers

located several shell casings on the ground. No injuries have been reported at this time.

There is no suspect 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 Detective J. Lucyk by calling 302-365-8446. 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

Dollar General Burglary

The Delaware State Police are investigating a burglary that occurred Monday night at the Dollar General in Newark.

On July 17, 2023, at approximately 11:23 p.m., troopers responded to the Dollar General located at 20 Salem Village Square, Newark, for a report of a burglary. Troopers discovered four unknown females entered the closed business and stole merchandise. Responding troopers attempted to find the suspects in the surrounding area but were unable to locate them.

There is no additional description for the suspects at this time. Surveillance images and video are not yet available.

The Troop 2 Burglary Unit is investigating this incident. Detectives are asking for anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective M. Kerrigan by calling 302-365-8487. 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 Gas Station Carjacking

The Delaware State Police are investigating a gas station carjacking that took place in Newark early this morning.

On July 18, 2023, at approximately 1:21 a.m., troopers responded to Sunoco located at 520 JFK Memorial Highway, Newark for a report of a carjacking that had just occurred. Troopers contacted a 37-year-old woman and learned that an unknown car occupied by two men and one woman parked in front of hers while she was at the gas pumps. She stated an unknown man got out of the car and approached her while pointing a firearm at her and demanded she get out of her car. The victim complied and the suspect took her car and both vehicles fled in an unknown direction. The victim was not injured.

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

The Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit is investigating this incident. Detectives are asking for anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective R. Kirchenbauer by calling 302-365-8428. 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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Troopers Arrest Man for Felony Drug Possession

The Delaware State Police arrested 38-year-old **Mitchell Harding** of Milford, Delaware for felony drug possession after he was found to be trespassing at the Harrington Raceway & Casino early yesterday morning.

On July 16, 2023, at approximately 4:20 a.m., troopers responded to the Harrington Casino after security personnel had observed Mitchell Harding in the building. Harding has been banned from being in the casino since July 2021 and has been warned that he would be arrested for trespassing if he returned. Security employees escorted Harding to their office, and the trooper took Harding into custody. The trooper searched Harding and found that he was in possession of approximately 7.02 grams of methamphetamine and approximately 0.6 grams of crack cocaine.

Harding was taken to Troop 3 and charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 1 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Criminal Trespass Second Degree

Harding was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 7 and released on \$4,250 unsecured bond.

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