

Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Collision on I-495

The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred last night in Wilmington that left a man and a woman dead.

On June 26, 2023, at approximately 4:41 p.m., a 2007 Kenworth Tractor was traveling in the right lane of I-495 southbound, approaching the 12th Street overpass. At the same time, a 2002 Ford Ranger was traveling at an apparent high rate of speed, passing traffic in the center lane of I-495 southbound approaching the 12th Street overpass. The Ford Ranger entered the right lane, where it sideswiped the Kenworth Tractor, causing the Ford Ranger to spin in a clockwise direction towards the right shoulder of I-495 southbound. The Ford Ranger struck the sloped concrete embankment under the 12th Street overpass and overturned onto the grass shoulder. The Ford Ranger rolled for approximately 150 feet before coming to rest. The Kenworth Tractor came to a controlled stop on the shoulder.

The driver of the Ford, a 45-year-old man, and the passenger of the Ford, a 52-year-old woman, both from Wilmington, Delaware, were not wearing seatbelts. They were both pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the Kenworth, a 35-year-old man from Spring City, Pennsylvania, was not injured. The identification of both victims is pending notification to their families.

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



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⚠️ Traffic Alert - Wilmington ⚠️ I-495 Southbound at E 12th Street is closed due to a serious collision. Please seek an alternate route of travel.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please 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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Delaware State Police Mourns

the Loss of Master Corporal Bret McAfee

It is with great sadness that the Delaware State Police announces the death of 54-year-old **Master Corporal Bret McAfee**, a 27-year veteran of the Delaware State Police. On June 15, 2023, he passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home, with his loved ones by his side, just two weeks after his retirement. "It is with deep sorrow and a sense of heaviness that we share the devastating news of Master Corporal McAfee's untimely passing," said Colonel Melissa A. Zebley, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police. "He was a Trooper of remarkable qualities, committed to serving the people of Delaware with honor and integrity. His unwavering commitment and excellent work ethic are what makes us all proud to be a part of the Delaware State Police. Our hearts are heavy as we grieve the loss of our brother, Bret. We humbly request that the community keep his family and the Delaware State Police in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time."

Master Corporal McAfee was hired on March 16, 1996, into the 65th Delaware State Police Recruit Class. He successfully completed his training before moving on to Troop 3 and Troop 9 for field training. Upon completion, he was permanently assigned to uniformed patrol at Troop 3, where he was the longest-serving patrol trooper at Troop 3. During his journey, he provided guidance and education to many new police officers, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to tackle real-life situations. In addition to his patrol duties, he joined the Critical Incident Stress Management team on June 21, 2010, and the Conflict Management Team on October 19, 2010. We extend our gratitude to his family for allowing us to work alongside him. Despite our

profound sense of loss, we will carry on his legacy.



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***Update – Victim Identified* State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash**

The Delaware State Police have identified **Chelsea Smith**, 23, of Hartly, Delaware, as the woman who died in a fatal crash that occurred in Townsend on Saturday evening.



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⚠️ Traffic Alert - Townsend ⚠️

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Sussex Drug Unit Arrests Man for Drug Dealing and Gun Possession

The Delaware State Police arrested 47-year-old **William McQueeney** of Selbyville, Delaware for drug dealing and illegal firearms possession after executing a search warrant on his home in Selbyville.

Approximately two months ago, detectives from the Sussex Drug Unit began investigating McQueeney, who was suspected of dealing drugs in both Delaware and Maryland. On June 22, 2023, at approximately 1:46 p.m., detectives from the Sussex Drug Unit and the Sussex County Governor's Task Force executed a search warrant on McQueeney's residence on Hosier Street in Selbyville. McQueeney was taken into custody without incident in his parked car outside of the home.

Detectives searched the property and McQueeney's car and discovered the following:

- Approximately 18.13 grams of cocaine
- Approximately 3.49 grams of psilocybin mushrooms
- Five handguns
- One shotgun
- Three rifles
- Various rounds of ammunition and magazines
- Over \$6,700 in suspected drug dealing proceeds
- Numerous items of drug paraphernalia

McQueeney was taken to Troop 4 and charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm While Possessing a Controlled Substance (Felony) – 9 counts
- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in a Tier 2 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 2 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 1 Quantity (Felony)
- Maintaining a Drug Property (Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 2 counts

McQueeney was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$281,400 cash bond.

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***Update – Victim Identified* State Police Investigating Fatal Single-Car Crash**

The Delaware State Police have identified **Joseph Parkinson**, 29, of Queen Anne, Maryland, as the man who died in a fatal crash that occurred in Camden-Wyoming on June 14, 2023.

The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Sergeant A. Mitchell by calling 302-697-4454. 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

The Delaware State Police are investigating a homicide that occurred in Dover yesterday evening after a woman was found dead inside her residence.

On June 25, 2023, at approximately 5:20 p.m., troopers responded to Case Ridge Road in Wolf Creek in Dover for a report of a 72-year-old woman found dead inside of her bedroom. Due to the circumstances surrounding the victim's death, the Homicide Unit has assumed the investigation. The victim's name is being withheld until her family and relatives are notified.

No suspect information is currently available. The Homicide Unit is still actively investigating this incident. Detectives

are asking for 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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State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash

The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred yesterday evening in Townsend.

On June 24, 2023, at approximately 5:37 p.m., a blue 2019 Promaster delivery van was traveling westbound on Harvey Straughn Road east of Black Stallion Road. At the same time, a red 2005 Harley-Davidson motorcycle was traveling eastbound on Harvey Straughn Road west of Vandyke Greenspring Road. The delivery van began turning left onto a residential driveway,

crossing into the path of the eastbound motorcycle. The motorcyclist tried to brake to avoid the crash, but was unable to do so and collided with the right side of the van.

The driver of the motorcycle, a 20-year-old man from Dover, Delaware, was flown by State Police helicopter to an area hospital with critical injuries.

The passenger on the motorcycle, a 23-year-old woman from Hartly, Delaware, was pronounced dead at the scene. Her name is being withheld until her family and relatives are notified.

The driver of the van, a 23-year-old woman from Wilmington, Delaware, was not injured.

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



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⚠ Traffic Alert - Townsend ⚠

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Detectives Investigating Bank Robbery

The Delaware State Police are investigating a bank robbery that occurred yesterday afternoon in the University Plaza shopping center in Newark.

On June 24, 2023, at approximately 12:30 p.m., an unknown black male suspect walked into the Acme located at 1 University Drive and approached the teller at the Citizens Bank inside of the grocery store. The suspect presented a note and demanded money from the teller and the branch manager. When the suspect threatened to start shooting, the victims complied, and the suspect fled from the bank on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash. Responding troopers attempted to find the suspect in the surrounding area but were unable to locate him.

Neither then 31-year-old bank teller nor the 45-year-old

branch manager was injured. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 6'00" tall with an average build. He was wearing a face covering and a dark jacket. Surveillance images and video are not yet available.

The Troop 2 Robbery Unit is investigating this incident. Detectives are asking for anyone with information regarding 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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Update – Victim Identified

State Police Investigating Fatal Collision

The Delaware State Police have identified **Glenn E. Porter**, 20, of Charleroi, Pennsylvania, as the man who died in a fatal crash that occurred on Seashore Highway in Bridgeville on Friday night.

[State Police Investigating Fatal Collision](#)

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 Sergeant J. Burns by calling 302-703-3269. 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 crash that occurred last night in Bridgeville that left one man dead and two others injured.

On June 23, 2023, at approximately 11:53 p.m., a gray 2021 Jeep Wrangler was traveling westbound on Seashore Highway just west of Woodenhawk Road. At the same time, a black 2013 Chevrolet Silverado was traveling eastbound on Seashore Highway approaching Woodenhawk Road, with a light blue 2013 Dodge Avenger following behind. For unknown reasons, the driver of the Jeep crossed the double-yellow center lines, entered the eastbound lane of Seashore Highway, and sideswiped the oncoming Silverado. After striking the Silverado, the Jeep continued westbound in the eastbound lane until it collided with the front of the Avenger, causing the Jeep to overturn and the Avenger to spin on the road.

The driver of the Jeep, a 49-year-old woman from Easton, Maryland, was taken by ambulance to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

Neither the driver of the Silverado, a 49-year-old man from Charleroi, Pennsylvania, nor the passenger, a 49-year-old woman from Charleroi, were injured.

The driver of the Avenger, a 20-year-old man from Charleroi and son of the husband and wife in the Silverado, was taken to an area hospital and pronounced dead. His name is being withheld until his other family and relatives are notified.

The passenger in the Avenger, a 19-year-old woman from

Stockdale, Pennsylvania, was taken to an area hospital with serious injuries.

The roadway was closed for approximately four hours while the scene was investigated and cleared. The reason for the Jeep leaving the westbound lanes remains under investigation.

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 Sergeant J. Burns by calling 302-703-3269. 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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