

# **\* Update – Victim Identified\***

## **Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal in Middletown**

Delaware State Police have identified **Jacob Langshaw**, 24, of Middletown, Delaware, as the man who died in a fatal collision on May 24, 2023.

[Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal in Middletown – Delaware State Police – State of Delaware](#)

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision 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 Arrest Man for Drug Dealing

Yesterday the Delaware State Police arrested **Sylvester Weaver**, 43, of Millsboro, Delaware on drug dealing charges after concluding an extended narcotics investigation.

Four months ago, detectives from the Sussex County Drug Unit began investigating Sylvester Weaver, who was suspected of dealing drugs in Sussex County. On May 24, 2023, at approximately 10:27 a.m., detectives from the Sussex County Drug Unit and Sussex County Governor's Task Force responded to the 19000 block of Jackstone Way in Millsboro to execute a search warrant on Weaver's residence. Detectives found Weaver driving in his vehicle a short distance away, and he was taken into custody without incident. A search of Weaver and his home led to the recovery of approximately 2.03 grams of suspected powdered heroin and numerous items of drug paraphernalia that had been used to make crack cocaine.

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

- Operating a Clandestine Laboratory (Felony)
- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 1 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 2 counts

Weaver was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on his own recognizance.

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# Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal in Middletown

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

On May 24, 2023, at approximately 8:18 p.m., a Jeep Grand Cherokee and a Mercury Grand Marquis were traveling on Warwick Road south of Middleneck Road. Both vehicles collided in a head-on collision near the solid double yellow lines. At this time, it is unknown which direction both vehicles were traveling before the collision and which vehicle crossed over the double yellow line into the oncoming lane.

The driver of the Jeep, a 57-year-old woman from Virginia Beach, Virginia, and the passenger, a 63-year-old woman from Virginia Beach, Virginia, were transported to the hospital for

non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Mercury, a 24-year-old man from Townsend, Delaware, was transported to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The passenger of the Mercury, a 24-year-old man from Middletown, Delaware, was transported to an area hospital, where he died from his injuries. The identification of the victim is pending notification to his family.

The roadway was shut down for approximately 7 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.



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⚠ Traffic Alert - Middletown ⚠

Warwick Road south of Middleneck Road is closed for a serious collision. Expect extended delays.

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# **New Building for Troop 6, But the Tradition Continues**

On May 31, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., Troop 6 will be lowering its flags and closing its doors so the construction of a new, state-of-the-art complex can begin. The current building will be demolished and the new Troop 6 will be raised at the same location, but with improved facilities so troopers can better serve those in northern Delaware.

Troop 6 first opened its doors in 1970 to serve the citizens and visitors of the Kirkwood Highway corridor and northern New Castle County. Troopers assigned to Troop 6 are often seen throughout the Wilmington area, at the Christiana Mall, and on Interstate 95. Troop 6 troopers will continue to patrol these same areas during the construction of their new home, and there will be no interruption in police services or presence.

Troop 6 administration will temporarily relocate to Troop 2 in

Newark. The phone number to Troop 6 will remain the same (302-633-5000).

The gallery below illustrates several site renderings for the new building, which will allow Troop 6 to continue the tradition of excellence in policing that began at 3301 Kirkwood Highway over 50 years ago. Click to enlarge the images.

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## **Kent County Governor's Task Force Arrests Two Men for Drug Dealing**

Yesterday the Delaware State Police arrested 51-year-old **James Crow** of Dover, Delaware and 36-year-old **Quinton Perry** of Bridgeville, Delaware on drug dealing charges after concluding an extended narcotics investigation.

In December 2022, detectives from the Kent County Governor's Task Force began investigating James Crow, who was suspected of dealing drugs in Kent County. On May 23, 2023, at approximately 7:27 p.m., detectives contacted Crow as he met with his drug supplier Quinton Perry. Both Crow and Perry were taken into custody without incident.

Detectives executed search warrants on Crow's residence and his Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck and recovered the following evidence:

- 1 sawed-off shotgun
- 1 shotgun that had been reported stolen by Randolph County Sheriff's Office in North Carolina
- Approximately 15.26 grams of methamphetamine
- Approximately 6.54 grams of cocaine
- Approximately 201 small baggies containing approximately 1.407 grams of suspected heroin
- 13 doses of Oxycodone
- 4 doses of Suboxone
- 6 prescription-only pills
- Numerous items of drug paraphernalia
- Over \$1,000 in suspected drug dealing proceeds

Crow is a convicted felon prohibited from possessing firearms.

Detectives also executed a search warrant on Perry's Hyundai Sonata and found over \$2,300 in suspected drug dealing proceeds.

Both Crow and Perry were taken to Troop 3 and charged with the following crimes:

James Crow:

- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited (Felony) – 2 counts
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon While Possessing a Controlled Substance (Felony) – 2 counts
- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance in a Tier 2 Quantity (Felony) – 2 counts
- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 2 Quantity (Felony) – 2 counts
- Possession of a Destructive Weapon (Felony)

- Receiving a Stolen Firearm (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 1 Quantity (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance – 3 counts
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Crow was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$158,000 cash bond.

Quinton Perry:

- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)

Perry was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$5,500 cash bond.

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# Delaware State Police Memorial Day Message

With Memorial Day just around the corner, many of us gather with loved ones to honor our fallen heroes and current military members. The Delaware State Police is here to remind everyone of the importance of driving safely, particularly during this weekend, but also each and every day.

Memorial Day often marks the “unofficial” beginning of summer, which means traffic is expected to increase, making it all the more crucial for us to take responsibility for our safety and the safety of others. The Delaware State Police will be actively enforcing traffic laws and providing assistance to drivers in need. Our troopers aim to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injury crashes during this unofficial start of summer by focusing on distracted driving, unrestrained motorists, impaired drivers, and aggressive driving behaviors such as speeding and tailgating. We urge you to do your part by being responsible drivers.

**To ensure safe travels during the holiday weekend, follow these simple steps:**

**REMEMBER**, one poor decision can have life-altering consequences, so drive safely, be responsible, and have a memorable and meaningful Memorial Day.

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# **\*Update – Victim Identified\***

## **Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Involving Dump Truck**

Delaware State Police have identified **Heather Rodriguez**, 31, of North East, Maryland, as the woman who died in a fatal dump truck collision on May 22, 2023.

[Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Involving Dump Truck – Delaware State Police – State of Delaware](#)

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to contact Corporal Grade One P. McAndrew by calling 302-660-3846. 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 Investigating Fatal Involving Dump Truck

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred in Newark this morning.

On May 22, 2023, at approximately 9:33 a.m., a Peterbilt dump truck loaded with gravel stone was traveling eastbound in the right lane on Pulaski Highway near Corporal Stephen J Ballard Way. A Hyundai Sonata was traveling eastbound on Pulaski Highway directly behind the dump truck. As the dump truck began to slow down for a traffic light, the Sonata did not slow down, causing its front bumper to collide with the rear center of the dump truck.

The driver of the dump truck, a 59-year-old man from Colora, Maryland, was properly seat belted and uninjured during the

collision. The driver of the Sonata, a 31-year-old woman from North East, Maryland, was also properly seat belted. She was transported to an area hospital, where she died from injuries sustained during the collision. The identification of the victim is pending notification to her family.

Pulaski Highway between Summit Bridge Road and Corporal Stephen J Ballard Way was decreased to one lane of travel for approximately 2 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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# Man Arrested for Felony Drug Possession

The Delaware State Police have arrested **Wayne Majors**, 66, of Laurel, Delaware for felony drug possession following an investigation that took place in Laurel last night.

On May 21, 2023, at approximately 9:18 p.m., troopers responded to the Oasis Travel Plaza located at 30759 Sussex Highway after receiving a report of a man and a woman having sex inside of a parked silver Chevrolet Malibu. When troopers arrived and found the Malibu, the driver, identified as Wayne Majors, stepped out and threw several items underneath the car. Troopers searched the surrounding area and found five baggies of suspected heroin and approximately 15.32 grams of packaged cocaine.

Major was taken into custody and taken to Troop 5, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Tier 2 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance

Majors was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 3 and was committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$6,200 secured bond.

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# Man Arrested for 5th Offense DUI

On Friday afternoon, the Delaware State Police arrested 69-year-old **Louis Morelli** of Lewes, Delaware for felony DUI after a traffic stop that occurred in Lewes.

On May 19, 2023, at approximately 1:00 p.m., a trooper on patrol observed a blue Honda Accord traveling westbound on Lewes Georgetown Highway near the intersection at Dairy Farm Road. The trooper saw the Accord accelerate and pass several vehicles without signaling, and the driver of the Accord nearly caused an accident at the intersection of Dairy Farm Road and Beaver Dam Road. The trooper stopped the Accord and contacted the driver, identified as Louis Morelli. During their interaction, the trooper detected signs of impairment with Morelli, and Morelli was subsequently taken into custody for DUI. A computer check showed that Morelli has four prior convictions for DUI.

Morelli was taken to Troop 7 and charged with 5th Offense DUI (felony) and numerous traffic violations. He was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$7,000 secured bond.

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