

# **\*Update – Victim Identified\***

## **Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Collision Involving Pedestrian**

Delaware State Police have identified **Celeste Speer**, 89, of Bethany Beach, Delaware, as the woman who died in a fatal pedestrian collision on May 19, 2023.

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

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred in Bethany today.

On May 19, 2023, at approximately 10:15 a.m., a Hyundai Tucson was traveling southeast in the parking lot of Walgreens, located at 32979 Coastal Highway in Bethany. A pedestrian was walking in the same parking lot, traveling north toward Walgreens. The Tucson began making a sharp left turn to pull into a parking space. As the Tucson entered the parking space, the front of the vehicle struck the pedestrian, who was walking within that same parking space.

The driver of the Tucson, an 82-year-old woman from Bowie, Maryland, was not injured during the collision. The pedestrian, an 89-year-old woman from Bethany Beach, was transported to an area hospital, where she died. The identification of the victim is pending notification to her family.

The parking lot of Walgreens was closed for approximately four hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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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.

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## LARRY E STERCULA



<b>Risk Level:</b>	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
<b>Verified On:</b>	May 17, 2023
<b>Registered Since:</b>	December 29, 2015
<b>In Prison:</b>	No
<b>Convicted Out of State:</b>	No
<b>Repeat Offender:</b>	No

<b>Police Agency:</b>	DSP HEADQUARTERS
<b>Phone:</b>	(302) 658-2341
<b>Address:</b>	PO BOX 430 Dover, DE 19903

<b>Date of Birth:</b>	December 25, 1947 (age 75)
<b>Gender:</b>	Male
<b>Race:</b>	WHITE
<b>Skin Tone:</b>	FAIR

<b>Height:</b>	6' 0"
<b>Weight:</b>	245 LBS
<b>Hair Color:</b>	BLOND OR STRAWBERRY
<b>Eye Color:</b>	Green

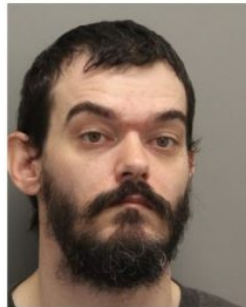


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## BRYAN L REED



<b>Risk Level:</b>	Tier 3 (High Risk)
<b>Verified On:</b>	May 17, 2023
<b>Registered Since:</b>	January 29, 2003
<b>In Prison:</b>	No
<b>Convicted Out of State:</b>	No
<b>Repeat Offender:</b>	Yes

<b>Police Agency:</b>	DSP HEADQUARTERS
<b>Phone:</b>	(302) 659-2341
<b>Address:</b>	PO BOX 430 Dover, DE 19903

<b>Date of Birth:</b>	July 11, 1988 (age 34)
<b>Gender:</b>	Male
<b>Race:</b>	WHITE
<b>Skin Tone:</b>	FAIR

<b>Height:</b>	6' 0"
<b>Weight:</b>	180 LBS
<b>Hair Color:</b>	BROWN
<b>Eye Color:</b>	Hazel



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## ISAAC R CRAVEN



**Risk Level:** Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)  
**Verified On:** May 16, 2023  
**Registered Since:** October 11, 2022  
**In Prison:** No  
**Convicted Out of State:** No  
**Repeat Offender:** No

**Police Agency:** DSP HEADQUARTERS  
**Phone:** (302) 659-2341  
**Address:** PO BOX 430  
Dover, DE 19903

**Date of Birth:** September 13, 1983 (age 39)  
**Gender:** Male  
**Race:** WHITE  
**Skin Tone:** LIGHT

**Height:** 5' 8"  
**Weight:** 198 LBS  
**Hair Color:** BROWN  
**Eye Color:** Hazel

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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.

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SAUCEDO , JUAN



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## Registration Information

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	June 22, 2022
Registered Since:	December 12, 2005
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

## Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	TROOP 3 STATE POLICE
Address:	3758 SOUTH STATE STREET CAMDEN, DE 19804
Phone:	3026574454

MONTGOMERY , RAYMOND



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## Registration Information (Homeless)

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	March 22, 2023
Registered Since:	April 29, 1997
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

MUNOZ-RODRIGUEZ , JOSE



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#### Registration Information

Risk Level:	Tier 2 (Moderate Risk)
Verified On:	April 13, 2004
Registered Since:	March 31, 2003
In Prison:	No
Convicted Out of State:	No
Repeat Offender:	No

#### Police Agency of Jurisdiction

Police Agency:	TROOP 2 STATE POLICE
Address:	100 LAGRANGE AVENUE NEWARK , DE 19702
Phone:	3028342620

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## State Police Arrest Man for Sexual Abuse and Assault

The Delaware State Police have arrested 52-year-old **Darren Gingerich** of Greenwood, Delaware on numerous counts of sexual abuse and assault following an investigation that began earlier this week.

On the afternoon of May 15, 2023, an 18-year-old woman responded to Troop 5 to report that she had been threatened by Darren Gingerich the previous day. State Police detectives learned that Gingerich had been at an event with the victim when he forced her to leave early. Once they left, Gingerich took the victim's cell phone and drove her to an isolated

location. The victim tried to exit the car, but Gingerich pointed a handgun at her and threatened to kill her. Gingerich eventually drove the victim back to her home, and when he left she went to Troop 5 to report the incident.

While the victim was at Troop 5, troopers were dispatched to Gingerich's residence on Hunters Cove Road in Greenwood regarding a house fire. Firefighters from the Greenwood Volunteer Fire Company extinguished the flames, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal responded to investigate. The State Fire Marshal learned that Gingerich had intentionally set his residence on fire, and EMS personnel had taken Gingerich to the hospital for medical treatment.

Once the fire was extinguished, troopers secured the residential scene. On May 16, detectives from the Criminal Investigations Unit executed a search warrant on the home and recovered several firearms. Gingerich was released from the hospital later that day, taken to Troop 4 by troopers, and charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Kidnapping Second Degree (Felony)
- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Terroristic Threatening
- Malicious Interference with Emergency Communications

Gingerich was also charged by the State Fire Marshal with Arson Second Degree, a felony.

Gingerich was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$97,200 total cash bond.

Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Unit continued to investigate Gingerich's past interactions with the victim. Detectives discovered that Gingerich had sexually and physically abused the victim repeatedly since she was eight

years old. Detectives subsequently charged Gingerich with the following additional crimes:

- Rape Second Degree (Felony) – 3 counts
- Attempted Rape Second Degree (Felony)
- Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child (Felony)
- Unlawful Sexual Contact First Degree (Felony) – 4 counts
- Providing Obscenity Material to a Juvenile (Felony)
- Unlawful Sexual Contact Second Degree (Felony) – 2 counts
- Sexual Abuse of a Child by a Person of Trust Second Degree (Felony)

Gingerich was arraigned on these charges by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and he remains incarcerated at Sussex Correctional Institution on an additional \$361,000 cash bond.

The Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit is still investigating this incident and any similar incidents involving Darren Gingerich. Detectives are asking for anyone with information to contact Detective R. Mitchell by calling 302-752-3794. 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 Armed Robbery

The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery of a delivery truck that occurred last night in the Bear area.

On May 17, 2023, at approximately 8:38 p.m., troopers responded to the Wawa located at 3601 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear for a report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. Troopers arrived and learned that four suspects approached a tractor-trailer that was parked next to the store while a 37-year-old male victim was in the trailer unloading and delivering products for Wawa. The suspects walked into the trailer while displaying firearms toward the victim and began removing cartons of cigarettes. During the robbery, the driver's assistant, a 28-year-old male, exited the Wawa returning to the truck and the suspects turned their weapons on him. The suspects then fled the scene in two separate dark-colored sedans with numerous boxes of cigarettes. Neither victim was harmed during the robbery.

All four suspects were described as black males, no further description at this time. Surveillance video and images 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 B. Harris by calling 302-365-8410. 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 Attempted Armed Robbery

The Delaware State Police are investigating an attempted armed robbery that occurred at a BP gas station in New Castle last night.

On May 17, 2023, at approximately 8:07 p.m., two men entered the BP gas station convenience store located at 2038 New Castle Avenue and approached the clerk. One of the suspects demanded that the clerk come out from behind the counter. When the clerk refused, the same suspect pointed a handgun at him and tried to grab him through the counter window. The employee called 9-1-1 to report a robbery, and both suspects fled from the store on foot. Responding troopers attempted to locate the suspects in the surrounding area but neither man was found.

The 44-year-old clerk was not injured. Both suspects had their faces covered at the time and have yet to be identified.

Surveillance video and images 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 J. Dempsey by calling 302-365-8472. 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 Announces CALEA Accreditation Public Comment Portal**

On Tuesday, May 16, 2023, a CALEA Accreditation Public Comment Portal will be accessible to the public through the Delaware State Police's website and Facebook page. The purpose of this public portal is to provide the public with the opportunity to

leave comments, commendations, and other information regarding the agency's quality of service or other information relevant to the accreditation process. The overall intent of the accreditation process is to provide the participating agency with information to support continuous improvement, as well as foster the pursuit of professional excellence.

**IMPORTANT: CALEA is not an investigatory body and subsequently the public portal should not be used to submit information for such purposes. Additionally, there will be no response other than acknowledgment to submissions; however, the information will be considered in context to its relevancy to compliance with standards and the tenets of CALEA® Accreditation.**

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# Troopers Remind Motorists to “Buckle Up” for Safety

The Delaware State Police have seen a recent spike in fatal crashes across the entire state where motorists were not wearing seatbelts. A seatbelt is your best defense when involved in a motor vehicle crash and can simply save your life.

So far this year, there have been 57 motor vehicle crashes resulting in 61 deaths, and 25 of those motorists were not wearing a seatbelt.

To combat this issue, the Delaware State Police in collaboration with the Office of Highway Safety will launch its annual “Click It or Ticket” campaign, from May 15, 2023, through June 6, 2023. The goal is to remind motorists that seatbelts save lives.

Troopers and officers from municipal police agencies across the state will be participating in this campaign, aimed at issuing tickets to motorists who choose not to buckle up. A properly worn seatbelt is placing the shoulder belt across the middle of your chest away from your neck and placing the lap belt across your hips. You should never put the shoulder belt behind your back or under your arm.



Remember to buckle up every trip, every time. The best gift you can give your family is you, so please be safe!

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# **\*Attempt to Identify\* State Police Investigating Convenience Store Robbery**

Delaware State Police are attempting to identify the pictured suspect involved in the robbery of a Wilmington area 7-Eleven that occurred earlier this month.

On May 6, 2023, at approximately 10:26 p.m., troopers responded to the 7-Eleven located at 4865 Governor Printz Boulevard regarding an armed robbery that had just occurred. Troopers spoke with the 23-year-old cashier, learned that an unknown suspect had entered the store, and told the cashier that he had a gun. The suspect threatened to shoot the cashier

while pointing at him through his jacket pocket. The suspect then removed cash from the register and stole tobacco products before fleeing the scene. The cashier was not harmed, and troopers were unable to locate the suspect.

The suspect is described as a black male in his 20's, approximately 5'08" to 5'09" tall and weighing approximately 150-170 pounds.



Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective R. Kirchenbauer, of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8525. 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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