

Update – Victim Identified

State Police Investigating Two-Vehicle Head-On Fatal Crash in Wilmington

The Delaware State Police has identified 19-year-old **Unique Williams** of Newark, Delaware, as the woman who died in a [two-vehicle head-on fatal crash](#) on Friday evening in Wilmington.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this crash. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed the crash or has relevant information to contact Corporal K. Oakes at (302) 365-8483. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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State Police Investigating Two-Vehicle Head-On Fatal

Crash in Wilmington

The Delaware State Police is investigating a two-vehicle head-on fatal crash that occurred Friday night in Wilmington.

On February 20, 2026, at approximately 8:55 p.m., a Chrysler 200 was traveling northbound on I-95 south of Harvey Road, in Wilmington. At the same time, a Volvo truck-tractor pulling a vehicle transporter trailer loaded with three cars was traveling southbound on I-95 in the same area. For reasons still under investigation, the Chrysler crossed the center grass median and collided head-on with the Volvo.

The driver of the Chrysler, a 19-year-old female from Newark, Delaware, was not properly restrained and was ejected from the car. She was taken to an area hospital, where she died from her injuries. Her name is being withheld until her family is notified.

The driver of the Volvo, a 34-year-old male from New York, was also taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The roadway was closed for approximately six hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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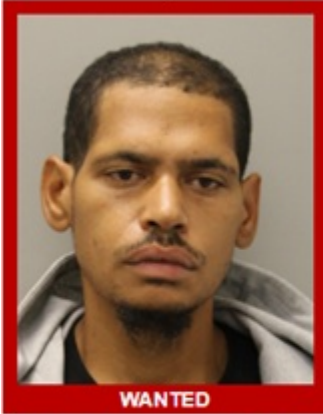
State Police Issues Sex Offender Notifications

The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (SOAR) is issuing the following public notifications of homeless and wanted sex offenders.

Wanted Sex Offenders

SOAR 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) 739-5882. Information may also be provided by contacting Delaware Crime Stoppers at (800) 847-3333. The individuals shown represent only a portion of the current wanted sex offenders. Please see the [Delaware Sex Offender Registry website](#) for the complete list.

BURGOS , LUIS X



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Registration Information (Homeless)

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Risk Level: | Tier 3 (High Risk) |
| Verified On: | August 28, 2025 |
| Registered Since: | November 12, 2010 |
| 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 |
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FULTON , CHARLES A



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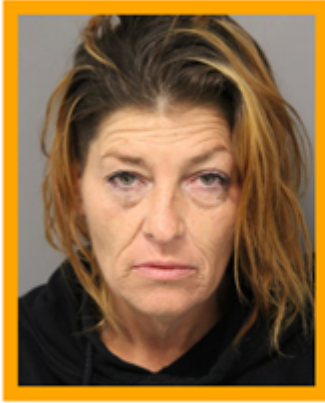
Registration Information

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| Risk Level: | Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) |
| Verified On: | April 22, 2025 |
| Registered Since: | March 4, 2024 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | Yes |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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| Police Agency: | TROOP 6 STATE POLICE |
| Address: | 3301 KIRKWOOD HWY PRICES CORNER Wilmington , DE 19808 |
| Phone: | 3026335000 |

LIED , TORI L



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Registration Information (Homeless)

| | |
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| Risk Level: | Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) |
| Verified On: | October 15, 2025 |
| Registered Since: | October 23, 2017 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | Yes |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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MARTZ , JOHN A



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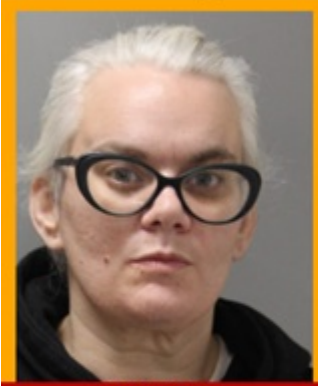
Registration Information

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| Risk Level: | Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) |
| Verified On: | April 14, 2025 |
| Registered Since: | March 10, 2004 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Police Agency: | TROOP 9 STATE POLICE |
| Address: | 414 MAIN STREET ODESSA , DE 19730 |
| Phone: | 3023785218 |

SCHONWIT , MOLLIE ANNE



WANTED

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Registration Information (Homeless)

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| Risk Level: | Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) |
| Verified On: | August 18, 2025 |
| Registered Since: | March 22, 2013 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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STEVENS , ROY



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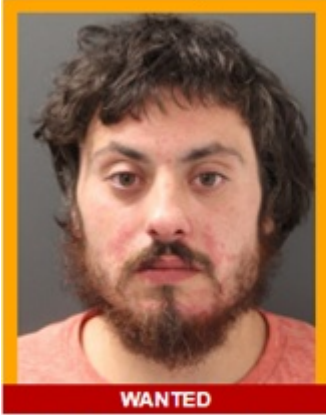
Registration Information

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| Risk Level: | Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) |
| Verified On: | September 19, 2023 |
| Registered Since: | September 14, 2004 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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| Police Agency: | TROOP 3 STATE POLICE |
| Address: | 3759 SOUTH STATE STREET CAMDEN , DE 19934 |
| Phone: | 3026974454 |

VISCOUNT , MICHAELA



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Registration Information (Homeless)

| | |
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| Risk Level: | Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) |
| Verified On: | March 4, 2025 |
| Registered Since: | July 2, 2016 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
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| Address: | PO BOX 430 Dover , DE 19903 |
| Phone: | 3026592341 |

Homeless Sex Offenders

The following individuals are not wanted for failing to register or re-register at their current address. This is a homeless sex offender public notification. If you have information that the listed individuals are occupying a residence, please call (302) 739-5882. Information may also be provided by contacting Delaware Crime Stoppers at (800) 847-3333. The individuals shown are those recently reported homeless and represent only a portion of the current homeless sex offenders. Please see the [Delaware Sex Offender Registry website](#) for the complete list.

CARROLL , QUENTRAE D



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Registration Information (**Homeless**)

| | |
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| Risk Level: | Tier 3 (High Risk) |
| Verified On: | February 18, 2026 |
| Registered Since: | October 8, 2013 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | Yes |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

| | |
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HAMMONS , WILLIAM J



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Registration Information (**Homeless**)

| | |
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| Risk Level: | Tier 3 (High Risk) |
| Verified On: | February 19, 2026 |
| Registered Since: | July 6, 2016 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | Yes |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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MCGHEE , KENNIE L



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Registration Information (Homeless)

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| Risk Level: | Tier 3 (High Risk) |
| Verified On: | February 20, 2026 |
| Registered Since: | December 28, 2012 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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| Police Agency: | DSP HEADQUARTERS |
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RIFFEL , ERIC N



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Registration Information (Homeless)

| | |
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| Risk Level: | Tier 2 (Moderate Risk) |
| Verified On: | February 18, 2026 |
| Registered Since: | November 3, 2013 |
| In Prison: | No |
| Convicted Out of State: | No |
| Repeat Offender: | No |

Police Agency of Jurisdiction

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| Police Agency: | DSP HEADQUARTERS |
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TORRES-PADDILLA , MOISES



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Registration Information (**Homeless**)

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| Risk Level: | Tier 3 (High Risk) |
| Verified On: | February 17, 2026 |
| Registered Since: | April 20, 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 |

***Update – Second Suspect Arrested* Detectives Investigating Armed Robbery in Bear Area Shopping Center**

The Delaware State Police arrested 20-year-old **Daviel Aviles**, of Middletown, Delaware, in connection with a [robbery investigation](#) that occurred last May in Bear.

On May 19, 2025, at approximately 2:15 p.m., troopers responded to a report of an armed robbery in the parking lot of the Salem Center, located at 1693 Pulaski Highway in Bear. The preliminary investigation revealed that the victim was involved in an argument with a suspect while in the parking lot. During the argument, a second suspect approached, and displayed a handgun. Both suspects worked together to take the victim's vehicle and fled from the shopping center in the

stolen vehicle.

Through investigative means, detectives from the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit identified Calvin Williams, and Daviel Aviles as the suspects responsible for the robbery, and obtained warrants for their arrest. On May 30, 2025, detectives and members of the Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team [executed a search warrant at Williams' residence](#) and took him into custody without incident.

On February 19, 2026, Aviles turned himself in at Troop 2. He was charged with the below listed offenses, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 2, and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on a \$20,500 cash bond.



- Robbery Second Degree (Felony)
 - Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
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State Police Investigating Shots Fired Incident at Claymont Gas Station

The Delaware State Police is investigating a shots fired incident that occurred late Wednesday night at a gas station in Claymont.

On February 18, 2026, at approximately 11:50 p.m., troopers responded to the Sunoco located at 3615 Philadelphia Pike, for a report of shots fired. The preliminary investigation revealed a gray sedan arrived at the gas station and parked near a fuel pump. The driver exited the vehicle and entered the convenience store. A short time later, a second vehicle arrived and parked nearby. The occupants of that vehicle also entered the store.

After a brief interaction between the two parties, the driver of the sedan ran back to his vehicle. As the other two individuals exited the store, an unknown suspect fired multiple handgun rounds from the sedan towards them. Everyone fled the scene prior to police arrival.

There were no reported injuries however the store was damaged by gunfire.

The Delaware State Police Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives ask anyone who witnessed the incident or has relevant information to contact Detective B. Timmons at (302) 365-8434. 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 Two on Felony Retail Theft and Drug Charges in Newark

The Delaware State Police arrested 47-year-old **Ron Wardlaw** and 43-year-old **Lashonda Rooks**, both of Baltimore, Maryland, on felony theft and drug charges following a shoplifting investigation Wednesday afternoon in Newark.

On February 18, 2026, at approximately 4:00 p.m., troopers responded to Dick's Sporting Goods, located at 100 Center Drive, for a report of a shoplifting in progress. The preliminary investigation revealed Wardlaw and Rooks walked around the store and selected over \$3,300 worth of merchandise. At one point, Rooks entered a fitting room with products, while Wardlaw exited the store, leaving a shopping cart filled with merchandise near the front door.

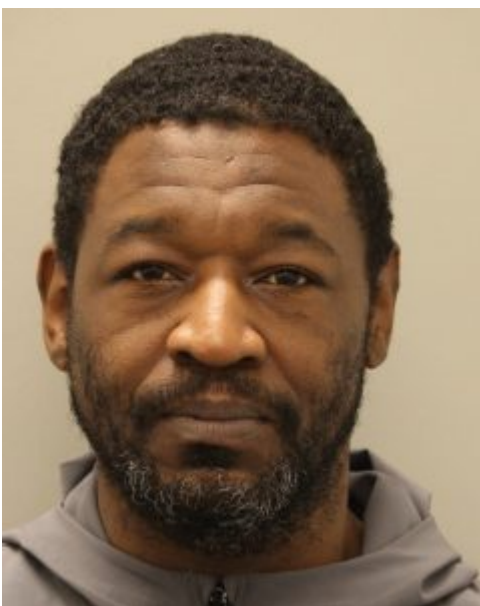
Troopers learned Wardlaw spoke with an unknown third accomplice who entered the store in search of the cart, however store employees had already recovered the merchandise.

When Troopers arrived, Wardlaw attempted to drive away but troopers stopped his vehicle a short distance from the store. Responding troopers also located Rooks in the fitting room, where she was actively cutting security tags from products

with a tool. Both were apprehended without incident. The unknown accomplice fled prior to police arrival.

During a search of the vehicle, troopers located approximately 17.85 grams of suspected heroin.

Wardlaw was taken to Troop 6 where he was charged with the below listed offenses, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 3, and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on a \$60,000 secured bond.



- Possession of Controlled Substance Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
 - Attempted to Commit Theft – Organized Retail Crime Over \$1500 (Felony)
 - Conspiracy 2nd Degree (Felony)
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Rooks was taken to Troop 6 where she was charged with the below listed offenses, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 3, and committed to the Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on a \$61,000 secured bond.



- Possession of Controlled Substance Tier 3 Quantity (Felony)
- Possession of Shoplifters Tools or Instruments Facilitating Theft (Felony)
- Attempted to Commit Theft – Organized Retail Crime Over \$1500 (Felony)
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (Felony)

State Police Arrest Seaford Man for Burglaries

The Delaware State Police have arrested 57-year-old **James Deshields** of Seaford, Delaware, for burglary and related charges in Sussex County after a series of burglaries at homes under construction.

The Delaware State Police responded to several burglaries in September 2025 in which the suspect entered residences and removed or attempted to remove refrigerators. Many of these incidents also resulted in damage to the homes because the

suspect cut the water line to the refrigerator.

The Sussex County Criminal Investigations Unit assumed the investigations. Detectives determined that a suspect and a Honda CRV had been observed at several of the crime scenes, and through further investigation, identified Deshields as a suspect. Investigators also learned that the Georgetown Police Department and the Seaford Police Department were investigating similar incidents.

On September 23, 2025, Deshields was arrested for an unrelated matter. While he was in custody, detectives obtained a DNA search warrant to compare his DNA against evidence that had been collected from one of the burglary scenes. While detectives were attempting to obtain a DNA sample from Deshields, he resisted, but the sample was ultimately obtained and sent to the Division of Forensic Science for testing.

Earlier this month, the Division of Forensic Science provided its report, which detectives used to link Deshields to the crimes, and a warrant for his arrest was obtained.

On February 17, 2026, Deshields was arrested without incident and taken to Troop 4, where he was charged with the offenses listed below. He was arraigned by the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and released on a \$27,500 unsecured bond.



- Burglary Second Degree (Felony) – 3 counts
 - Theft \$1500 or Greater (Felony) – 3 counts
 - Attempted Theft \$1500 or Greater (Felony)
 - Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
 - Resisting Arrest
 - Criminal Mischief Under \$1000 – 3 counts
 - Criminal Trespass Second Degree
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State Police Investigating Single-Vehicle Fatal Crash in Newark

The Delaware State Police is investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash that occurred Sunday afternoon in Newark.

On February 15, 2026, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a Jeep Compass was traveling eastbound on Pulaski Highway near David Place. For reasons currently being investigated, the Jeep exited the right edge of the roadway and crashed into a telephone pole. The Jeep's occupants were pulled from the vehicle just prior to the Jeep catching on fire.

The Jeep's front passenger, 71-year-old **Betty Williams**, of Bear, Delaware, was not wearing a seatbelt. She was taken to a local hospital with serious injuries. In the early morning hours of February 16, 2026, Williams died as a result of the injuries she sustained during the crash.

The driver of the Jeep, a 70-year-old man from Bear, Delaware, was taken to a local hospital with serious injuries.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this crash. Investigators are

asking anyone who witnessed the crash, has surveillance or dash-camera footage, or has relevant information to contact Corporal K. Oakes 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 Assault in Ocean View

The Delaware State Police are investigating an assault that occurred Saturday in Ocean View.

On February 14, 2026, at approximately 12:30 a.m., troopers responded to a residence on the 37000 block of Mahogany Street in Ocean View for a report of an assault. When troopers arrived, they found a 64-year-old man who had been assaulted with a crowbar. He was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The preliminary investigation revealed that two white male suspects were yelling and knocking on the victim's door. When the victim opened the door, he didn't recognize the two men and tried to close the door. One of the suspects grabbed him, threw him to the ground, and hit him with a crowbar. The suspects then fled in an unknown red car.

The Delaware State Police Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit continues to investigate this incident. Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective W. Saylor at 302-752-3832. 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 Senior Living Facility Employee for Theft from Resident

The Delaware State Police arrested 62-year-old **Kem Mays**, of Wilmington, Delaware, on felony burglary and theft charges after stealing from the resident of a senior living facility Sunday morning in Wilmington.

On February 15, 2026, at approximately 10:30 a.m., troopers responded to Forwood Estates, located at 1912 Marsh Road, in Wilmington, for a reported theft. The preliminary investigation revealed that at approximately 8:30 a.m., the victim, who lives at the facility, left their apartment. Shortly afterwards, a facility employee, later identified as Mays, unlawfully entered the victim's apartment and stole

jewelry.

Troopers contacted Mays during the investigation and recovered the stolen jewelry, which was returned to the victim.

Mays was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 1. He was charged with the below listed offenses, arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 11, and released on a \$12,000 unsecured bond.

- Burglary Second Degree (Felony)
- Theft Under \$1,500 Where Victim is 62 Years of Age or Older (Felony)