

Troopers Seek Public's Assistance Locating Burglary Suspect

Delaware State Police Troop 3 is seeking the public's assistance with locating 36-year-old **Phillip Vilone** of Harrington, Delaware. Vilone currently has felonious burglary-related charges. He is approximately 5' 10" tall, weighing 180 lbs., with hazel eyes and brown hair.

Anyone with information regarding Vilone's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Detective R. Costlow at (302) 698-8527. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delawarecrimestoppers.com.

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***Traffic Advisory* Delaware State Police Investigating Serious Collision in Middletown Area**

Delaware State Police are currently on the scene of a serious motor vehicle collision on Marl Pit Road at Dupont Parkway (US 13). As a result, US 13 southbound will be closed for an extended period. Motorists are urged to seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays. This collision is in the early stages of the investigation. Additional details will be released once they become available.

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Update – Victims Identified

Delaware State Police Investigating Double Fatal Collision

Delaware State Police have identified the victims who died in a fatal vehicle collision that occurred on October 30, 2022, in the Saint Georges area as **Michael Ferris**, 56, of Middletown, Delaware, and **Alexis Ferris**, 19, of Wilmington, Delaware.

[Delaware State Police Investigating Double Fatal Collision](#)

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 contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delawarecrimestoppers.com.

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State Police Arrest Juvenile Following Shooting

Delaware State Police have arrested a 16-year-old juvenile on weapons charges following a shooting that occurred in Dover on Sunday afternoon.

On October 30, 2022, at approximately 2:05 p.m., troopers responded to Joshua Clayton Road in Dover regarding a report of shots fired. Upon their arrival, troopers learned that a 26-year-old male had been walking in the area when a male suspect fired multiple handgun rounds in his direction. The

victim was not struck by gunfire and was not injured. The ensuing investigation revealed that a 16-year-old male juvenile had fired approximately twelve rounds at the victim before fleeing the area on foot.

The juvenile suspect was later identified by detectives and taken into custody at his residence on November 1, 2022. He was transported to Troop 3 and charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm by a Person Under 21 (Felony)
- Reckless Endangering First Degree (Felony)

The juvenile was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 2 and released after having his \$1,500 cash bond posted.

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Troopers Arrest Man for 7th Offense DUI

Delaware State Police have arrested 43-year-old **Naquan Bumbrey** of Dover, Delaware for felony DUI following a traffic stop that occurred in the Dover area on Saturday evening.

On October 29, 2022, at approximately 7:06 p.m., a trooper on patrol observed a black 1998 Toyota Corolla traveling eastbound at a high rate of speed on Forest Avenue in the area of Rose Valley School Road. The trooper conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the driver, identified as Naquan Bumbrey. The trooper detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage and observed signs of impairment with Bumbrey. A DUI investigation ensued and Bumbrey was subsequently taken into custody without incident. A computer check of Bumbrey revealed that he had six prior convictions for DUI.

Bumbrey was transported to Troop 3, where he was charged with 7th Offense DUI (felony) and numerous other traffic offenses. He was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 7 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$20,400 cash bond.

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Delaware State Police Seek Assistance with an Unsolved Murder

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit continue to investigate the murder of **Hemantkumar Maganlal Chauhan**, 57, of Wilmington. Today marks the 10th anniversary of this unsolved murder.

On, Friday, November 2nd, 2012, Hemantkumar Maganlal Chauhan who owned the Penn-Bantum Market located at 418 Newport Gap Pike Wilmington, DE, was working when a male suspect entered the store armed with a knife. The suspect jumped over the counter and had a physical altercation with the victim which resulted in him being stabbed. Chauhan subsequently died from the injuries sustained from the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male with a light skin-tone, approximately 5'10"-6' tall, muscular build, wearing a black hooded jacket, a baseball hat, blue jeans, and white sneakers.

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is investigating this incident. Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective Maher by calling 302-739-5939. Information may also be provided by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delawarecrimestoppers.com.

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Troopers Arrest Man in Attempted Stabbing

Delaware State Police have arrested 56-year-old **Michael Fletcher** of Wilmington, Delaware for aggravated menacing and other charges following an attempted stabbing that occurred on Saturday evening.

On October 29, 2022, at approximately 6:11 p.m., troopers responded to the Total Wine & More business, located at 691 Naamans Road in Claymont, regarding disorderly subjects inside of the store. The ensuing investigation revealed that a female subject had been involved in a dispute with a store employee. During the dispute, an acquaintance of the female, later identified as Michael Fletcher, approached the employee and lunged at him with a knife, cutting his shirt. The employee

was not harmed and was able to run away from Fletcher.

Troopers located Fletcher on foot a short distance away, and he was taken into custody without incident. A search of Fletcher led to the discovery of a concealed knife. Fletcher was transported to Troop 1, where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)

Fletcher was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 11 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$4,500 secured bond.

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***Traffic Advisory* Delaware State Police Investigating Collision**

Delaware State Police are on the scene of a motor vehicle collision that occurred today, November 1, 2022, at the intersection of Laurel Road and Lowes Crossing Road in Millsboro. As a result, there may be power outages in the area. Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel.

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***Traffic Advisory* Police Activity in Delmar**

Delaware State Police and the Delmar Police Department are advising the public of an increased police presence in the area of East Grove Street in Delmar, Delaware, which is just north of the Delaware / Maryland state line. As a result, many of the surrounding roadways are closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The incident is contained at this time, and the police are advising the public to avoid the area. Additional updates will be released in the future.

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Delaware State Police Investigating Double Fatal Collision

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that claimed the lives of two individuals last night in the Saint Georges area.

The collision occurred on October 30, 2022, at approximately 10:23 p.m., when a 2019 Mack tractor trailer was traveling

southbound in the center lane of Route 1 crossing the Roth Bridge. The tractor trailer was traveling at a slow speed as it was having a difficulty traveling up the bridge. The operator turned the truck's hazard lights on due to its slower speed. At the time, 2015 Hyundai Elantra was traveling in the right lane of Route 1 southbound and made two lane changes in attempt to enter the left lane near the crest of the bridge. While changing lanes the front of Hyundai struck the rear of the tractor trailer. The initial impact damaged the rear wheels of the trailer which caused the truck to stop in the center lane. The Hyundai was able to pull to the right shoulder. While stopped in the center lane, the tractor trailer was struck a second time by a 2010 Toyota Sequoia traveling southbound Route 1. The Toyota caught fire as a result of the impact.

There were two occupants located inside of the Toyota. Due to injuries sustained from the fire, the victims have not been identified at this time. The identification of the victims is pending a DNA analysis.

The 31-year-old operator of the tractor trailer was transported to an area hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The 54-year-old operator of the Hyundai was not injured.

Route 1 southbound was closed for approximately 5 hours while the crash was investigated, and the roadway cleared.

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