

State Police Arrest Subject on Drug Charges Following Traffic Stop

Delaware State Police have arrested 29-year-old **Junior Velazquez-Morillo** of Newark, DE on felony drug charges following a traffic stop that occurred on Thursday evening.

On July 14, 2022, at approximately 7:00 p.m., troopers on patrol observed a silver Hyundai Elantra parked in The Elms apartment complex in Newark. Troopers witnessed a hand-to-hand transaction occur between the operator of the Elantra and another subject in the parking lot. A traffic stop was initiated on the vehicle on Coventry Lane and contact was made with the operator, identified as Junior Velazquez-Morrillo. Troopers observed drug paraphernalia in plain view, and Velazquez-Morrillo was subsequently taken into custody at the scene without incident. A search of the Elantra led to the discovery of approximately 3.2 grams of cocaine and approximately 4.5 grams of suspected heroin and fentanyl.

Velazquez-Morrillo was transported to Troop 6 and charged with the following crimes:

- 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) – 2 counts

Velazquez-Morrillo was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 11 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$60,000 cash bond.

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Update – Victims Identified **Delaware State Police** **Investigating a Fatal** **Motorcycle Collision**

Delaware State Police have identified the victims who died during a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred on July 11, 2022 in the New Castle area as **Caitlyn Wilson**, 16, of New Castle, DE; **Beverly Weaver**, 69, of Sun City, Florida; and **Dennis Smith**, 36, of Newark, DE.

[Delaware State Police Investigating a Fatal Motorcycle Collision](#)

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

Master Corporal J. Forester by calling 302-365-8485. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#), by contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, or via the internet at www.delawarecrimestoppers.com.

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Update – Suspect Arrested

Delaware State Police

Investigating Bank Robbery

Delaware State Police have arrested **Calvin Samuels**, 39, of Valley Stream, NY, for robbery following an incident in June.

On June 17, 2022, at approximately 1:43 p.m., troopers responded to the Wells Fargo bank located at 2450 Glasgow Avenue for an alarm activation. Upon their arrival it was discovered that the bank had just been robbed and the suspect had fled the scene. The ensuing investigation revealed that the suspect had entered the bank and presented a teller with a demand note. The teller surrendered money to the suspect, and the suspect exited the building and departed from the area in an unknown direction towards an unknown destination. No one was injured in this incident.

On July 12, 2022, the Newark Police Department located and arrested Calvin Samuels after a bank robbery at the TD Bank, located at 230 East Delaware Avenue, Newark. Through investigative means officers connected Samuels to a total of 8 bank robberies that occurred throughout New Castle and Kent Counties beginning in May 2022 within the city limits of Wilmington, Newark, Dover, and Middletown.

Samuels was transported to Newark police station where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Robbery 2nd Degree (Felony) – 2 counts

Samuels was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$12,000 cash bond.

For additional information on the other robberies where

Samuels was charged, please contact the Newark Police Department, Wilmington Police Department, Dover Police Department, or Middletown Police Department.

[Delaware State Police Investigating Bank Robbery](#)

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Delaware State Police

Investigating a Fatal Motorcycle Collision

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motorcycle collision that occurred Tuesday night on Newport Gap Pike (Route 41) in Wilmington area.

On July 12, 2022, at approximately 9:17 p.m., a black 2016 Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling southbound on Newport Gap Pike (Route 41). At this time, a white 2014 Ford F250 was traveling northbound on Newport Gap Pike approaching the driveway to a private residence. The Ford turned left attempting to enter the driveway, and directly into the path of the Harley. The motorcycle applied its brakes in an attempt to avoid the collision, but ultimately struck the right-side rear of the Ford. As a result of this collision the Harley traveled out of control into the northbound lane. A white 2015 Subaru Outback that was traveling northbound on Newport Gap Pike behind the Ford, struck the motorcycle causing it to be logged underneath it.

The operator of the Harley, a 30-year-old male of Cochranville, PA was ejected from the motorcycle and pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

The operator of the Ford, a 58-year-old male of Wilmington, DE appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and a DUI investigation ensued. A preliminary state police investigation suggests alcohol was involved. The operator of the Ford and the operator of the Subaru were not injured in the collision.

Newport Gap Pike was closed in both directions between Loveville Road and Millcreek Road for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated, and the roadway cleared.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit are

continuing to investigate this fatal collision. Anyone who witnessed this collision is asked to contact Cpl/2 Calio at 302.365.8483. 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 Subject for Felony DUI and Drug Charges

Delaware State Police have arrested 38-year-old **Robert Lecates** of Laurel, DE for felony DUI and narcotics offenses following an investigation that began in the Laurel area on Tuesday morning.

On July 12, 2022, at approximately 12:04 a.m., troopers responded to the Oasis Travel Plaza located at 30759 Sussex Highway regarding a suspicious vehicle. Officers were informed that a car had been idling at a gas pump for approximately 45 minutes without anyone exiting or entering the vehicle. Upon arrival troopers contacted Robert Lecates, who was seated and unconscious in the driver's seat of a gray 2017 Honda Civic. Lecates displayed signs of impairment and a DUI investigation ensued. Lecates was subsequently taken into custody at the scene without incident. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of approximately 0.686 grams of suspected heroin, approximately 3.87 grams of methamphetamine, approximately 1.70 grams of MDMA, approximately 0.61 grams of an unknown white powdery substance, and drug paraphernalia. Computer checks of Lecates revealed that he has a suspended driver's license and two prior convictions for DUI.

Lecates was transported to Troop 5 and charged with the following offenses:

- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony) – 4 counts
- 3rd Offense Driving a Vehicle Under the Influence (Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Driving While Suspended / Revoked

Lecates was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 3 and

committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$22,750 secured bond.

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

Delaware State Police are on the scene of a serious motor vehicle collision that occurred tonight, July 12, 2022, at approximately 9:17 p.m., on Newport Gap Pike in the area of Winterbury Circle.

As a result of the crash, all lanes of Newport Gap Pike are closed in both directions and will be closed for emergency response vehicles at the scene. Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel. The

road closure is anticipated to be lengthy, with no estimated time for a re-opening.

The investigation is in the early stages with further details being released as they become available.

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Delaware State Police Investigating Robbery of Liquor Store

The Delaware State Police are investigating the knifepoint robbery of a Wilmington area liquor store that occurred Monday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:15 p.m., Monday, July

11, 2022, at the Roselle Liquor Mart located at 2500 Kirkwood Hwy. Wilmington, DE. A male suspect confronted an employee behind the sales counter while brandishing a large knife and demanded money from the register. The employee complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then fled on foot. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a white male, approximately 30 years of age with a thin build, wearing light-colored clothing, sunglasses, and a mask.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Robbery Unit is currently investigating the incident. Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective R. Kirchenbauer by calling 302-365-8428. 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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Delaware State Police Investigating a Fatal Motorcycle Collision

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motorcycle collision that occurred Monday night on Christiana Road (Route 273) in New Castle.

On July 11, 2022, at approximately 8:39 p.m., a 2017 Chrysler Pacifica was traveling westbound on Route 273 at the intersection of Prangs Lane. The Chrysler was in the left turn lane attempting to make a left turn onto Prangs Lane. At this time, a 2020 Kawasaki Zx6 motorcycle was traveling eastbound of Route 273 in the left lane approaching Prangs Lane at a high rate of speed. The Chrysler began its left turn for Prangs Lane across the eastbound lanes of Route 273 and into the path of the motorcycle. As a result, the front of Kawasaki struck right side of the Chrysler.

The operator of the motorcycle a 36-year-old male from Newark, DE was ejected and pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

The operator of the Chrysler, a 47-year-old female of New Castle, was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries. The front seat passenger a 69-year-old female from Sun City, FL was pronounced deceased at the scene. The rear seat passenger a 16-year-old female of New Castle was transported to an area hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Identification of both victims is pending notification to the next of kin.

Route 273 was closed in both directions for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated, and the roadway cleared.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit are continuing to investigate this fatal collision. Anyone who witnessed this collision is asked to contact Cpl/3 Forester at 302.365.8485. 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**

Delaware State Police are on the scene of a serious motor vehicle collision that occurred tonight, July 11, 2022, at approximately 8:39 p.m., on eastbound Route 273 in the area of Prangs Lane.

As a result of the crash, all lanes of Route 273 are closed in both directions and will be closed for emergency response vehicles at the scene. Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel. The road closure is anticipated to be lengthy, with no estimated time for a re-opening.

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Troopers Arrest Subject During Burglary-in-Progress

Delaware State Police have arrested 32-year-old **Maurice Howell** of Wilmington, DE for several criminal charges following an investigation into a commercial burglary that began on Sunday morning.

On July 10, 2022, at approximately 12:20 a.m., troopers responded to the Shell gas station located at 3001 New Castle Avenue in New Castle regarding a burglary in progress. The store alarm had been activated after the front door had been shattered, and the owner was able to see a male suspect inside of the closed business through remote camera access. Troopers arrived and gave numerous verbal commands for the suspect to exit the store, but he refused to do so. A Delaware State Police canine was deployed into the building, and the suspect was apprehended inside. The suspect, identified as Maurice Howell, was in possession of several items of merchandise when he was taken into custody.

Howell was transported to an area hospital for treatment of an injury sustained while being apprehended by the police canine. He was later released from the hospital, transported to Troop

6, and charged with the following crimes:

- Burglary Third Degree (Felony)
- Attempted Theft Under \$1,500
- Criminal Mischief Over \$1,000
- Resisting Arrest

Howell was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 11 and released on his own recognizance.

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